



Independence Day

Egypt's Morsi ousted; Obama says US aid in question

Fireworks light the sky moments after Egypt's military chief says the president is replaced by chief justice of constitutional court outside the presidential palace in Cairo, Egypt, Wednesday, July 3, 2013. Egypt's military has suspended the Islamist-backed constitution and called early elections. The military also announced that embattled President Mohammed Morsi will be replaced. Cheers erupted among millions of protesters nationwide who were demanding Morsi's ouster.

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CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's first democratically elected president was ousted Wednesday by the military after barely a year in office, felled by the same kind of popular revolt that first brought him to power in the Arab Spring.

The armed forces announced it would install a temporary civilian government to replace Islamist President Mohammed Morsi, who denounced the action as a "full coup" by the generals. They also suspended the Islamist-drafted constitution and called

for new elections.

Millions of anti-Morsi protesters in cities around the country erupted in delirious scenes of joy after the televised announcement by the army chief. Fireworks burst over crowds in Cairo's Tahrir Square, where men and women danced, shouting, "God is great" and "Long live Egypt."

"Don't ask me if I am happy, just look around you at all those people, young and old, they are all happy," said 25-year-old protester Mohammed Nageh, shouting to heard at Tahrir. "For the first time, people have really won their liberty." Fearing a violent reaction by Morsi's Islamist

supporters, the military sent troops and armored vehicles into streets of Cairo and elsewhere, surrounding Islamist rallies. The head of the political wing of the political wing of Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood was arrested. Clashes quickly erupted in several provincial cities when Islamists opened fire on police, with at least nine killed in the battles, security officials said.

The army's move is the second time in Egypt's 2 ½ years of turmoil that it has forced out the country's leader. In the first, it pushed out autocrat Hosni Mubarak after the massive uprising against its rule. Its new move came after a

stunning four-day anti-Morsi revolt that brought protests even larger than those of 2011, fueled by public anger that Morsi was giving too much power to his Muslim Brotherhood and other Islamists and had failed to tackle the country's mounting economic woes.

This time, however, its removal of an elected figure could be more explosive. Beyond fears over violence, even some protesters are concerned whether an army-installed administration can lead to real democracy. In Washington, President Barack Obama urged Egypt's military to "move quickly" to return authority to an elected civilian gov-

ernment. He said he was ordering the U.S. government to assess what the military's actions meant for U.S. foreign aid to Egypt — \$1.5 billion a year in military and economic assistance.

In conversations, senior Egyptian military officers assured U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, they would put a civilian government in place quickly, U.S. officials said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak by name about the private conversations.

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Moments after military chief Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi spoke, Morsi said in a statement on the Egyptian president's office's Twitter account that the military's measures "represent a full coup categorically rejected by all the free men of our nation," while urging "everyone to adhere to peacefulness and avoid shedding blood of fellow countrymen."

Morsi has insisted his legitimacy as an elected presi-

not carrying out a coup, but acting on the will of the people to clear the way for a new leadership.

In his speech, Gen. el-Sissi said the chief justice of the Supreme Constitutional Court, Adly Mansour, would step in as interim president until new elections are held. A government of technocrats would be formed with "full powers" to run the country.

Mansour, who was appointed to the court by Mubarak but elevated to the chief justice post by Morsi, will be sworn in on Thursday by judges of his

He did not say whether a referendum would be held to ratify the changes, as customary.

El-Sissi spoke while flanked by the country's top Muslim and Christian clerics as well as pro-reform leader Mohammed ElBaradei and two representatives of Tamarod, or Rebel, the youth opposition movement that engineered the latest wave of protests with a petition campaign that collected more than 22 million signatures of Egyptians who want Morsi to step down.

"I call on all of you to stay

forces, police will deal "decisively" with violence. The military also took firm moves on the ground.

After the 9:20 p.m., the Brotherhood's TV station went blank. Islamist TV networks that have been accused of inciting violence also went off the air and some of their prominent anchormen have been arrested, according to security officials speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

Shortly before el-Sissi went on the air, troops, com-

Assad praises Egypt revolt against Morsi

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BEIRUT (AP) — Syria's embattled president on Wednesday praised Egypt's protests against their leader and said his overthrow by the military means the end of "political Islam."

President Bashar Assad, who is seeking to crush a revolt against his own rule, said Egyptians have discovered the "lies" of the Muslim Brotherhood.

He spoke in an interview with the state-run Al-Thawra newspaper to be printed in full Thursday. Excerpts were published Wednesday night on the Syrian presidency's Facebook page, coinciding with the Egyptian military's announcement of Morsi's ouster.

"What is happening in Egypt is the fall of so-called political Islam," Assad said. "This is the fate of anyone in the world who tries to use religion for political or factional interests."

Assad is facing an insurgency at home and has refused to step down, calling the revolt an international conspiracy carried out by Islamic extremists and fundamentalist groups such as the Syrian Muslim Brotherhood, a branch of the Egyptian group with the same name to which Morsi belongs.

Earlier Wednesday, Syrian Information Minister Omran al-Zoubi urged Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi to step down in line with his people's wishes.

Al-Zoubi told reporters in Damascus that Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood is a "terrorist" organization and a "U.S. tool."

Last month Morsi enraged Syrian officials by announcing he was severing ties with Damascus and closing its embassy in the Syrian capital.

Assad's father, the late President Hafez Assad, cracked down on a Muslim Brotherhood-led rebellion in the northern city of Hama in 1982. □



Opponents of Egypt's Islamist President Mohammed Morsi celebrate by the light of flares as they wave national flags and his picture in Tahrir Square in Cairo, Egypt, Wednesday, July 3, 2013.

(AP Photo/Amr Nabil)

dent must not be violated or Egypt could be thrown in to violence. Some of his Islamist backers, tens of thousands of whom took to the streets in recent days, have vowed to fight to the end — to defend both the legitimacy of the vote and their ambitions to bring Islamist rule to Egypt.

"Down with military rule. Revolution, Islamic revolution, against el-Sissi and the thugs," the crowd of thousands chanted at the main pro-Morsi rally in Cairo after the army announcement. The army has insisted it is

court.

El-Sissi, the defense minister appointed by Morsi, promised "not to exclude anyone or any movement" from further steps. But he did not define the length of the transition period or when presidential elections would be held. He also did not mention any role for the military.

The constitution, drafted by Morsi's Islamist allies, was "temporarily suspended," and a panel of experts and representatives of all political movements will consider amendments.

in the squares to protect what we have won," one of the two Tamarod members, Mahmoud Badr, said in televised comments.

"I hope this plan is the beginning of a new launch for the Jan. 25 revolution when people offered their dearest to restore their freedom, dignity and social justice for every Egyptian," said ElBaradei, a Nobel Peace Laureate and the former head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog.

Seeking to avert a destabilizing backlash, el-Sissi warned that the armed

mandos and armored vehicles deployed in cities around the country. In Cairo, they stationed on bridges over the Nile River and at major intersections. They also surrounded rallies being held by Morsi's supporters — an apparent move to contain them.

Police arrested one of the Brotherhood's two deputy chiefs, Rashad Bayoumi, and the Saad el-Katatni, the head of the Brotherhood's political arm, the Freedom and Justice Party, were arrested, security officials said. □

Burns Column: July 4th and the pursuit of liberty

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Americans should be forgiven if we worry just a little about the state of our country on this 237th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. From the crippling political stalemate in Washington to the economic struggles of lower- and middle-income citizens to the sea of troubles we face overseas, this is a deeply challenging time for the United States. And in important ways, the way even domestic issues play out can affect our standing abroad.

Last week's historic Supreme Court decision to advance same-sex marriage rights provides a more optimistic counterpoint to the nation's troubles. It portrays the unique American experiment in liberty as still moving forward and still succeeding. Our core national mission has always been the promise of individual liberty for all our citizens.

On a leading civil rights issue of our time, the court acted not to curb individual rights but to reaffirm and expand them.

This American pursuit of liberty was a core theme of Jon Meacham's recent book, "Thomas Jefferson and the Art of Power." Meacham chronicled Jefferson's central role in creating the very first country devoted to liberty. He emphasized that, in the years following the republic's founding, Jefferson feared a return to the rule of the few or even monarchy. Jefferson believed that America must become instead, an "Empire of Liberty" both at home and around the world.

This stood in sharp contrast, of course, to his failure to address the most urgent moral issue of his time -- slavery and the rights of African-Americans.

That struggle to overcome what former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has called "America's original sin" is far from finished. That is why last week's other major Supreme Court decision to strike down parts

of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was so disappointing. The court decision merits special reflection as this year is the sesquicentennial of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and the epic battle of Gettysburg on July 1-3, 1863 -- the key fight that effectively ended the Confederacy's hope that its rebellion against the Union would succeed. It took another long century after Gettysburg to redeem the promise of liberty to African-Americans in the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the next year's Voting Rights Act. But, nearly 50 years later, African-Americans and other minorities are, in some parts of the country, still denied full and fair access to the ballot box. The court's 5-4 ruling erred in not recognizing this persistent limitation on equality and rights for all of our citizens.

The battle for liberty is far from finished in the United States. In our time, that means extending full equality to African-Americans, women and the gay and lesbian community.

July 4 reminds us that, despite our imperfections, our greatest strength is our continued commitment to liberty. It is the central story of our history. That is why we are still the indispensable advocate for freedom in the world today and the measure by which all other nations are judged. China and Russia, by contrast, will never be great so long as they deny basic human and religious rights to their own citizens. Millions of immigrants are not pressing to cross their borders as they are ours to find the blessings of a free life. Their denial to their own people of essential civil freedoms is their greatest weakness -- and their greatest future vulnerability. America is the far more appealing country because our democracy rests on the solid promise of freedom and equality enshrined most brilliantly in the Declaration of Independence.

We can be true to Lincoln's belief in America as humanity's "last best hope of earth" and to Martin Luther King's magnificent dream by reaffirming our determination to advance liberty for all our citizens and billions more people around the world. That is, and has always been, the great promise of July 4th. □

Vicksburg, Mississippi: With history's rancor faded, reasons to celebrate

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VICKSBURG, Miss. - Even when this city was known as the place that did not

chore would be getting Vicksburg residents, black or white, to come up with strong feelings about the Civil War at all.

ticular focus on attracting black Vicksburg residents, said Madell, whose last posting was the Central High School in Little Rock,



Yolande Robbins, 73, whose great-grandmother was a slave, with Tillman Whitley in Vicksburg, Miss., July 3, 2013. Some say the city always celebrated the Fourth of July, but others say Vicksburg abstained from the holiday because of the bitter 47-day siege the city endured at the hands of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, ending with its surrender 150 years ago this July 4.

(James Patterson/The New York Times)

celebrate the Fourth of July, it was not entirely true. The people of Vicksburg, as the story goes, abstained from the holiday because of the bitter 47-day siege the city endured at the hands of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, ending with its surrender 150 years ago this July 4. It is a good story, but it depends on what is meant by people of Vicksburg. "We celebrated the Fourth of July," said Yolande Robbins, 73, whose great-grandmother was a slave here and who now runs her father's funeral home. "Our grandparents told us that the real reason we celebrated the Fourth of July is because Vicksburg fell."

"The young people," she added, "I don't think they know that."

It is hardly a chore these days getting residents of Vicksburg to get over the siege and celebrate the Fourth - there will be a big party downtown Thursday night, with a blues concert and fireworks - and some young people around town were not even aware of the other occasion this week. The much harder

The fall of Vicksburg on July 4, 1863, is the less famous blow of the one-two punch landed by the Union armies 150 years ago this week. The other is Gettysburg, as the rangers at Vicksburg National Military Park note with the resigned irritation of a little brother.

Part of this, they say, is simply because of narrative: While the Vicksburg was far more strategically vital than Gettysburg, a three-day battle is easier to comprehend than a monthslong campaign followed by a prolonged siege during which Vicksburg residents were reduced to eating rats. But also working against them is the reputation of Civil War parks generally, as a destination primarily for military buffs and Lost Cause enthusiasts.

"A lot of local residents don't see themselves in conjunction with our programming," said Mike Madell, the supervisor of the park, a grassy and monument-dotted 1,800-acre expanse that wraps around the northeastern corner of the city.

The long goal is to bring in new visitors, with a par-

Ark., site of the famous desegregation battle in 1957. As at national Civil War parks across the country, the Vicksburg park forthrightly describes slavery as the underlying cause of the war and highlights the social context of the Vicksburg campaign instead of focusing exclusively on military tactics. Not everyone has welcomed that.

"There's a whole lot of nostalgia around here," David Slay, a historian and park ranger, describing how men occasionally march over to his desk and gripe when they read a placard about the war's root causes. "Depending on my mood, I'll engage."

Slay mentioned the Old Courthouse Museum downtown - where one finds that the Civil War is "the War Between the States" and the Emancipation Proclamation is "wartime propaganda" - as well as the annual Confederate Christmas ball, which comes to a close every year when a person dressed as a Confederate courier bursts into the room and announces that Union gunboats are on the river. □

Arizona:

Officials see signs of a slowdown in deadly wildfire

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PEEPLS VALLEY, Ariz. - A wildfire that killed 19 firefighters and destroyed dozens of homes nestled in the mountains here showed signs of slowing Wednesday as hundreds of firefighters on the ground tried to shore up the perimeters of the blaze. It has consumed an estimated 8,400 acres.

Fire officials said they hoped to begin allowing hundreds of residents evacuated from the towns of Yarnell and Peeples Valley to begin returning as soon as Saturday.

Jim Whittington, a fire information officer for the U.S. Forest Service, said the fire had not moved substantially since it began Sunday. But he warned that explosive fuels like dry timber, grass and chaparral scrub hidden in the rocky terrain could ignite with sudden shifts of wind brought by thunderstorms that were predicted to

move through the area in the late afternoon. Such storms often bring only limited rain but great bouts

The slowdown may aid investigators as they look into what went wrong Sunday as the blaze, by a power-

all but one. Investigators from across the country arrived on the scene Tuesday night and are expect-

the team will examine are the radio traffic logs, weather conditions, equipment, the terrain and decisions made by the crews on the ground and incident commanders.

"Our goal is to figure out what happened and make sure it doesn't happen to other firefighters," said James R. Karels, the director of the Florida Forest Service, who is leading the team. The fire was one of 33 burning in tinder-dry conditions, fueled by an extensive drought, across the West, including five in Arizona, that have consumed more than a half-million acres. Tuesday night, roughly 3,000 people, among them the families of many of the 19 men killed in the fire, packed the Prescott High School football field for a candlelight vigil, where, over songs and prayers, they memorialized the lives lost. After a moment of silence, purple balloons floated into the air, one for each of the men. □



This aerial photo shows the Yarnell, Ariz. area on Wednesday, July 3, 2013, in the aftermath of the Yarnell Hill Fire that claimed the lives of 19 members of an elite firefighting crew on Sunday. The wildfire has burned structures and forced evacuations as hundreds of firefighters work to contain the blaze.

(AP Photo/Tom Tingle)

of lightning, thunder and wind. "The fire behavior looks benign right now but the fuels can be deceptive," Whittington said.

ful shift in winds, trapped members of the Granite Mountain Hotshots, an elite firefighting unit out of nearby Prescott, killing

ed to spend the next two to three months carefully reconstructing everything leading up to the deaths. Among the many things

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U.S. Postal Service logging mail for law enforcement

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WASHINGTON - Leslie James Pickering noticed something odd in his mail last September: A handwritten card, apparently delivered by mistake, with instructions for postal workers to pay special attention to the letters and packages sent to his home.

"Show all mail to supv" - supervisor - "for copying prior to going out on the street," read the card. It included Pickering's name, address and the type of mail that needed to be monitored. The word "confidential" was highlighted in green.

"It was a bit of a shock to see it," said Pickering, who with his wife owns a small bookstore in Buffalo, N.Y. More than a decade ago, he was a spokesman for

the Earth Liberation Front, a radical environmental group labeled eco-terrorists by the FBI. Postal officials subsequently confirmed they were indeed tracking Pickering's mail but told him nothing else.

As the world focuses on the high-tech spying of the National Security Agency, the misplaced card offers a rare glimpse inside the seemingly low-tech but prevalent snooping of the U.S. Postal Service.

Pickering was targeted by a longtime surveillance system called mail covers, a forerunner of a vastly more expansive effort, the Mail Isolation Control and Tracking program, in which Postal Service computers photograph the exterior of every piece of paper mail that is processed in the

United States - about 160 billion pieces last year.

The mail covers program, used to monitor Pickering, is more than a century old.

created after the anthrax attacks in late 2001 that killed five people, including two postal workers. Highly secret, it seeped into pub-

lication of ricin-laced letters sent to President Barack Obama and Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg. It enables the Postal Service to retrace the path of mail at the request of law enforcement. "In the past, mail covers were used when you had a reason to suspect someone of a crime," said Mark D. Rasch, who started a computer crimes unit in the fraud section of the criminal division of the Justice Department and worked on several fraud cases using mail covers. "Now it seems to be 'Let's record everyone's mail so in the future we might go back and see who you were communicating with.' Essentially you've added mail covers on millions of Americans." □



Leslie James Pickering, a bookstore owner who was targeted by a tracking program from the U.S. Postal Service, holds a note that he found in his mail that suggests letters, parcels and other mail would be monitored, in Buffalo.

(Brendan Bannon/The New York Times)

The Mail Isolation Control and Tracking program was

lic view last month when the FBI cited it in its investi-

Ohio kidnapping suspect Castro competent for trial

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Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — A man charged with holding three women captive in his Cleveland home for about a decade and raping them is competent to stand trial, a judge ruled Wednesday. Judge Michael Russo said the results of an examination of Ariel Castro last week showed that he is mentally able to understand the charges and assist attorneys in his defense. Also Wednesday, prosecutor Saleh Awadallah said a meeting is planned July 11 to discuss the possibility of seeking the death penalty for the 52-year-old Castro, who faces aggravated murder charges stemming from allegations that he caused the deliberate termination of one of the women's pregnancies.

Awadallah invited Castro's attorney, Craig Weintraub, to submit evidence to him before the meeting to support an argument against the death penalty in the upcoming discussions.

Castro's attorneys have previously hinted that he might plead guilty if talk of capital punishment was taken off the table.

Awadallah said prosecutors would be going back to the county grand jury to seek more charges against Castro, but he didn't know when that would happen.

At the end of the hearing, Castro, bearded with his chin tucked to his chest for most of time, asked for permission to visit with the 6-year-old girl he fathered with one of the women he is accused of kidnapping and raping. The judge denied the request. □

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Instructor: Zimmerman a star in 'stand your ground' class

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SANFORD, Fla. - In the spring of 2010, a military prosecutor with the Army taught a college class near here that delved into Florida's Stand Your Ground law. One of his pupils stood out for his diligence: George Zimmerman, who earned an A.

This account came in testimony from the class's instructor, Capt. Alexis Francisco Carter, who took the stand as Zimmerman's second-degree murder trial entered its eighth day Wednesday at the Seminole County Courthouse. Last summer, in a nationally televised interview, Zimmerman told Sean Hannity of the Fox News Channel that he had never heard of the expansive and controver-

sial law, which allows people to respond with deadly force if they fear great bodily harm or for their life. Zimmerman has not invoked Stand Your Ground but nonetheless asserts that he acted in self-defense when he fatally shot an unarmed black teenager, Trayvon Martin, during an altercation in a gated community here 16 months ago. The local police cited the law as a reason for not arresting Zimmerman, who is Hispanic and now 29, a decision that set off cries of racial injustice. Prosecutors, who are on the verge of resting their case, contend that Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch volunteer, profiled and pursued Martin, driven in part by his desire to be a law enforcement officer.

For the past week and a half, lawyers for the state have tried to show inconsistencies in Zimmerman's version of events, though in audio and videotapes of police interviews after

the shooting the defendant's account - that he was attacked and then pummeled on the ground by Martin - has remained largely consistent.

Before jurors entered the

courtroom Wednesday, and over resistance from the defense, the state successfully argued that Zimmerman's past interest in law enforcement was pertinent to the case because it would give jurors a better understanding of Zimmerman's actions the night of Feb. 26, 2012, when the encounter with Martin, 17, took place.

Along with Carter, several others who worked in law enforcement and had some form of contact with Zimmerman, or with documents pertaining to him, took the stand.

A lieutenant with a police department in Virginia testified that Zimmerman applied to be an officer in 2009 but was rejected because of a poor credit history. □



George Zimmerman smiles alongside one of his lawyers, Mark O'Mara, while the witness, Capt. Alexis Francisco Carter, is questioned during Zimmerman's trial in Sanford, Fla., July 3, 2013. Zimmerman's trial is in its eighth day.

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U.S. border agency lends its drones to other units

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As Congress considers a new immigration law that

would expand the fleet of unmanned drones along the border, the agency in charge of border protec-

tion is increasingly offering the military-grade drones it already owns to domestic law-enforcement agencies

and has considered equipping them with "nonlethal weapons," according to documents recently made public. The documents, which include flight logs over the past three years, were unearthed by the Electronic Frontier Foundation through a Freedom of Information lawsuit.

Agencies that have used the 10 Predator drones owned by the Customs and Border Protection Agency have deployed them to investigate fishing violations, search for missing persons and inspect levees along the Mississippi River, among other things. Three years ago, the drones were used by other agencies 30 times; in 2012, that jumped to 250 times. How the agency stores and shares that data with other government agencies remains unclear. Additionally, the agency, in a 2010 report to Con-

gress included in the documents, raised the possibility of eventually equipping its drones with "nonlethal weapons" to "immobilize" people and vehicles trying to cross the border illegally. In a statement Wednesday, the agency said it had "no plans to arm its unmanned aircraft systems with nonlethal weapons or weapons of any kind." It said the drones supported the agency's border security mission and provided "an important surveillance and reconnaissance capability for interdiction agents on the ground and on the waterways." The drones, the agency said, "were designed with the ability to add new surveillance capabilities, accommodate technological developments, and ensure that our systems are equipped with the most advanced resources available." □

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US Financial Front: Unemployment benefit applications fall to 343K

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits fell 5,000 to a seasonally adjusted 343,000 last week, a sign that employers are adding jobs at modest pace.

The less volatile four-week average dipped 750 to 345,500, the Labor Department said Wednesday.

Weekly applications for unemployment benefits are a proxy for layoffs. The four-week average has fallen 9 percent in the past year. Job growth has been stable. A separate report showed that companies stepped up hiring in June, a hopeful sign ahead of Friday's employment report for last month.

Payroll provider ADP said businesses added 188,000 jobs in June, up from 134,000 in May and the most since February. Construction firms added 21,000 jobs, a sign the housing recovery is boosting hiring. Small businesses — those with less than 50 employees — added 84,000 jobs.

ADP's survey has frequently diverged from the government's figures. Still, Jennifer Lee, an economist at BMO Capital Markets, said the report and the low number of unemployment benefits were encouraging.

Economists forecast that Friday's report will show the economy added 165,000 jobs in June. That's slightly below the 175,000 gain in May, which was in line with the monthly average over the past two years.

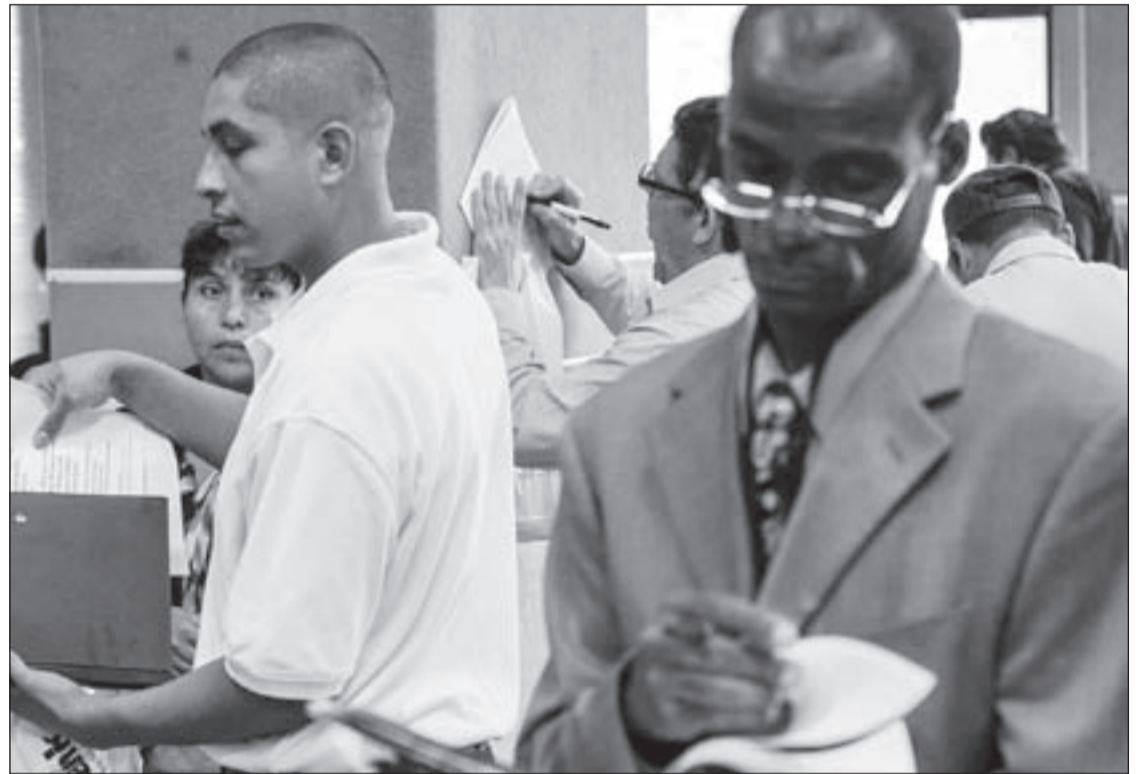
The unemployment rate likely stayed at 7.6 percent. Nearly 4.6 million Americans received unemploy-

ment benefits in the week that ended June 15, the latest period for which data is available. That's about the same as in the previous week. The total number of recipients has fallen 22 percent in the past year.

More hiring could help the economy grow faster later this year. The economy expanded at only a 1.8 percent annual rate in the January-March quarter. Most analysts think it grew at a similarly tepid annual pace between 1.5 percent and 2 percent in the April-June period. Recent reports have raised hopes for a stronger second half of the year. A survey by the Institute for Supply Management showed that manufacturing activity expanded in June after shrinking in May. Measures of new orders and production rose. Still, a gauge of hiring fell, indicating that factories cut jobs for a fourth straight month. A separate report from the Commerce Department said U.S. factories fielded more orders for computers, machinery and other goods in May. And a measure of business investment increased for the third straight month.

The housing recovery continues to strengthen, which should help boost construction jobs. A measure of home prices rose in May from a year ago by the most in seven years, while sales of previously occupied homes surpassed the 5 million mark for the first time in 3 1/2 years.

And consumers continue to help the economy with their spending, despite higher taxes that have reduced their take-home pay this year. □



Job seekers apply for prospect employment positions at the 12th annual Mission career fair in the Skid Row area of Los Angeles. The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits fell 5,000 to a seasonally adjusted 343,000 the last week of June 2013, a sign that layoffs remain low and companies are adding a modest number of jobs.

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Turkey:

Court stops plan in Istanbul that was focus of protests

SEBNEM ARSU

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ISTANBUL - An Istanbul court Wednesday halted a government-backed plan to rebuild Taksim Square, a development project that incited nearly a month of anti-government protests in June.

Professional groups representing Turkish architects, city planners and landscape architects filed a lawsuit last year challenging the government's plan, which included the creation of a large pedestrian plaza at Taksim Square, building several underground tunnels rerouting traffic and eliminating Gezi Park for a mall.

The park is the only public green space in the heart of the Taksim district, a cosmopolitan hub of Istanbul's social life as well as a tourist attraction.

"The court ruling today is about cancellation of the entire plans to redesign Taksim Square," said Can Atalay, a lawyer who represented the plaintiffs in the case. "Those underground tunnels beneath the square, destruction of Gezi Park - they all fall within the context of this ruling that cancels them all."

The court ruled against the Taksim project June 6, even as widespread protests gathered steam. But a public announcement of the decision was delayed until this week, when the legal reasoning behind the ruling was completed, Atalay said.

The court determined that the development plan lacked the required input

from area residents, committees that protect natural and cultural assets and the district's authorities, among other concerns, the newspaper Hurriyet reported. Environmentalists have long opposed Prime Minister

Recep Tayyip Erdogan's plan to replace the park with a replica Ottoman army barracks that would house a shopping mall. Another umbrella group filed a separate lawsuit to protect Gezi Park from de-

struction. In late May, a local court halted work on the army barracks project until it deliberated the substance of that suit, which, Atalay said, was no longer relevant.

On May 28, relatively small

demonstrations protesting the government's plans for Taksim Square took a significant turn after the police used tear gas and water cannons to disperse peaceful demonstrators.

In the following weeks, tens of thousands of people flocked to the square and took to the streets in more than 70 cities. The protests evolved into a broad expression of anger against both the development plan and the tactics of the Islamist government and its leader. Many Turks view Erdogan and his party, now in power for a decade, as increasingly authoritarian. Erdogan called the mostly young and nonpolitical activists a group of plunderers and conspirators, and accused them of being led by international groups intent on undermining his government. □



A view of Gezi Park near Taksim Square in Istanbul. An Istanbul court on July 3 halted a government-backed plan to redevelop Taksim Square, a project that sparked nearly three weeks of huge antigovernment protests last month.

(Kitra Cahana/The New York Times)

Police break cemetery gates after Mandela squabble

RICK LYMAN

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JOHANNESBURG - A squabble between Nelson Mandela's eldest grandson and more than a dozen other family members over the bodies of three of his children intensified Wednesday as police broke down the gates surrounding the burial site to fulfill a judge's order that the bodies be exhumed and returned to a nearby village where the ailing Mandela himself is to be buried.

Earlier in the day, a judge in the Eastern Cape High Court in Mthatha, near the rural villages where Mandela was born and raised,

ordered the grandson, Mandla Mandela, to return the bodies immediately from the small village of Mvezo, where Nelson Mandela was born, to the nearby village of Qunu, where he was raised and where he has said he wishes to be buried.

Mandla Mandela is not opposed to the bodies' exhumation, his spokesman, Freddy Pelusa, said in a statement after the ruling, but pursued the case only because he thought he had not been treated properly by the court. Hearses arrived at the Mvezo site by midafternoon to transport the bodies and the police

used a pickaxe to break through a gate surrounding the property to begin the exhumation. By late afternoon, police and health officials had unearthed the remains in three unmarked graves and taken them to a nearby mortuary to be prepared for the move to Qunu.

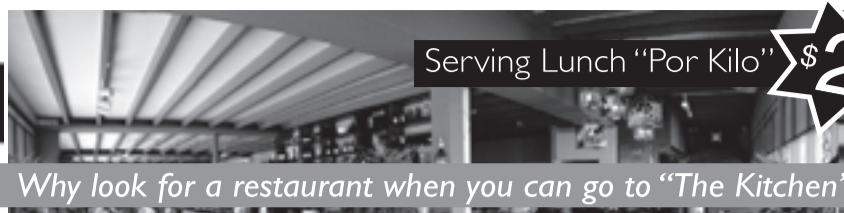
Meanwhile, South Africa's Mail & Guardian newspaper said it had obtained an affidavit from the court case dated Friday in which the 16 Mandela family members who petitioned to have the bodies returned to Qunu said they had done so because Nelson Mandela, 94, a former

South African president, was in "perilous health" and was "assisted in breathing by a life support machine." "The anticipation of his impending death is based on real and substantial grounds," the affidavit said. "The applicants are desirous of burying their father and committing him to the earth in which his descendants' remains lie."

The affidavit, the paper reported, said the family believed that Mandla Mandela wanted the bodies to remain in Mvezo, his home village, for financial gain, in the anticipation that Nelson Mandela would also be buried there. □

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Bolivia plane incident infuriates Latin America

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Associated Press

The European rerouting of the Bolivian presidential plane over suspicions that National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden was aboard ignited out-

the strength of U.S. influence, despite the initial sense that the Obama administration lost control of the situation when China allowed Snowden to flee Hong Kong. Morales originally planned to fly home from a Moscow summit

granting him asylum. Austrian officials said Morales' plane was searched early Wednesday by Austrian border police after Morales gave permission. Bolivian and Austrian officials both said Snowden was not on board.

Bolivia's ambassador to the United Nations, Sacha Llorenti, said "the orders came from the United States."

"They want to frighten and intimidate me but they won't scare me," Morales said before finally taking off to Spain's Canary Islands and on to Brazil and then home. "We're not in colonial or imperial times ... this is an aggression against Latin America."

Throughout Latin America there was a sense of deep injustice and offense at what was widely believed to be U.S.-prompted interference with Bolivia's equivalent of Air Force One.

"This is a humiliation for a sister nation and for the South American continent," said Cristina Fernandez, the leftist president of Argentina, describing the plane's rerouting as a "vestige of the colonialism that we thought we had completely overcome."

She said Morales' "total and indisputable" immunity as head of state had been violated when he was "illegally detained in old Eu-

rope."

Preventing the passage of a presidential jet and even searching it is legal under international law but unprecedented in recent memory, aviation experts said. "It is extraordinary to prohibit passage through one's state air space en route to another state," said Ken Quinn, former chief counsel at the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and head of the aviation practice at the Washington-based law firm Pillsbury Winthrop. "From a diplomacy standpoint, one does not normally interfere with diplomats and high-ranking public officials in transit." The U.S. refused to comment on whether it was involved in any decision to close European airspace, saying only that "US officials have been in touch with a broad range of countries over the course of the last 10 days," about the Snowden case.

"The message has been communicated both publicly and privately," State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said Wednesday. □



Bolivia's President Evo Morales talks to reporters at Vienna's Schwechat airport, Wednesday, July 3, 2013. The plane of Morales was rerouted to Austria after various European countries refused to let it cross their airspace because of suspicions that NSA leaker Edward Snowden was on board, Bolivian officials said.

(AP Photo/Hans Punz)

rage Wednesday among Latin American leaders who called it a stunning violation of national sovereignty and disrespect for the region.

But as President Evo Morales headed home after an unplanned 14-hour layover in Vienna, there was no immediate sign that Latin America anger would translate into a rush to bring Snowden to the region that had been seen as likeliest to defy the U.S. and give him asylum.

Snowden was still believed to be in the transit area of Moscow's international airport. As his case grinds on, it appears to illustrate

via Western Europe, stopping in Lisbon, Portugal and Guyana to refuel. His plane was diverted to Vienna Tuesday night after his government said France, Spain and Portugal all refused to let it through their airspace because they suspected Snowden was on board. Spain's ambassador to Austria even tried to make his way onto the plane on the pretext of having a coffee to check that Snowden wasn't there, Morales said. Morales had sparked speculation that he might try to help Snowden get out during a visit to Russia after he said that his country would be willing to consider

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Germany's Merkel hosts European youth jobs summit

GEIR MOULSON
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Wednesday that money isn't the main obstacle to tackling Europe's high youth unemployment as she brought together officials from across the continent to discuss how best to get young people into jobs.

EU leaders have agreed to put aside 8 billion euros (\$10.4 billion) starting next year, on top of funding from other European funds and institutions, to ease youth unemployment. German officials say that, in total, 24 billion euros will be available over the coming years.

Merkel brought together heads of the 28 European Union countries' national labor agencies and their labor ministers, along with French President Francois Hollande and other leaders, to compare notes on what measures countries can take to bring down youth unemployment. Decisions on how exactly to use the money are expected later this year.

The unemployment rate among under-25s stood at 23.1 percent across the EU in May.

The worst-affected countries, Spain and Greece, have youth unemployment rates above 50 percent; in Germany, the rate is just 7.6 percent. Those figures exclude young people studying full-time.

"I don't think money is the problem right at the moment," Merkel said as she welcomed fellow leaders to the conference.

"The problem is, how do we want to earn our money in the future, how can we give young people an opportunity, how can we supply small and medium-sized companies with loans so that they can afford the interest," she added. "In a word: How can we get the economy going again?" France's Hollande offered to host a follow-up conference later this year.

Merkel said after Wednesday's meeting that "there must be progress" by then, for example in making European countries' job offices more effective and strengthening training systems. However, she declined to set a specific youth unemployment rate as a target.

Merkel continues to insist that public spending cuts must be part of a mix of measures to restore Europe to growth and make it more competitive. She

argues that Europe needs more flexible labor markets and more mobile workforces.

Germany also wants an existing European student exchange system to be ex-

tended to apprentices. It has held up its "dual training" system, under which apprentices receive formal education while also doing paid work, as an example for others.

Hollande said it's important to do "everything that can promote mobility," both into professions and geographically, and to encourage the creation of new companies. □



Germany's chancellor Angela Merkel, right, and French President Francois Hollande arrive for a conference on promoting youth employment in Europe on Wednesday, July 3, 2013 at the chancellery in Berlin. Merkel is bringing together officials from across Europe Wednesday to discuss how best to get young people into jobs, and is insisting that money alone won't end high youth unemployment.

(AP Photo/Johannes Eisele)

Europe wants parallel talks on trade, surveillance

GEIR MOULSON
SYLVIE CORBET
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — European countries agreed Wednesday that talks on a free-trade deal with the United States should start in parallel with discussions about NSA surveillance — addressing concerns raised by France.

French President Francois Hollande insisted after meeting German Chancellor Angela Merkel and other European leaders in Berlin that the trade talks can start only "at the same time, at the same date" as

talks with the U.S. on concerns over its intelligence activities.

That raises questions as to whether the launch of the trade talks will go ahead as originally scheduled early next week. France had called earlier Wednesday for a two-week delay.

The head of the European Union's executive Commission, which will lead the trade talks, said U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder had offered to set up "as soon as possible" U.S.-European working groups on intelligence issues.

"We are committed of

course to the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership," Jose Manuel Barroso said.

"But we expect that in parallel ... we analyze the oversight of intelligence activities, intelligence collection and also the question of privacy and data protection."

For the trade talks "to be a success, we need confidence among partners and confidence can become better" if Europe's concerns are addressed, Barroso told reporters.

Merkel, whose country has Europe's biggest economy,

said leaders at a meeting focusing mainly on youth unemployment were "very concerned" about reports of the U.S. eavesdropping on its European allies, and said the U.S. offer to set up working groups on the issue quickly was "very important."

"Time is pressing," she said, adding that it was the "right idea" to say those groups should start work parallel to the beginning of the trade talks, whose opening will follow months of protracted and painful efforts to find a common European stance. □

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Belgian king to abdicate in favor of crown prince

RAF CASERT

Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — Weighed down by the years, Belgium's King Albert announced Wednesday that he will hand the throne of his fractious kingdom to his son, Crown Prince Philippe, on the country's national holiday, July 21.

The move had been rumored for weeks and will end nearly two decades of steady reign over a country increasingly torn apart by political strife between northern Dutch-speaking Flanders and French-speaking southern Wallonia.

Belying his frailty and 79 years of age, Albert stood upright and confident as he delivered the nationwide message to the cameras. Behind him, a massive portrait of Leopold I, the nation's first king in 1831, sternly looking down on him.

Albert said his age and health no longer allowed him to carry out his functions as he'd want to. "I would not fulfill my duties," he said, "if I clung at all cost to my position in these circumstances."

Belgium has had six kings since independence and Albert is the first to voluntarily abdicate the throne. But he was the second European monarch to do so in barely two months. Beatrix of the Netherlands stepped down in April after a 33-year reign in favor

of her eldest son, who was appointed King Willem-Alexander.

"After a reign of 20 years I believe the moment is here to hand over the torch to the next generation," Albert said in a nationwide address carried by all of Belgium's major broadcasters. "Prince Philippe is well prepared to succeed me."

That has long been an issue of deep contention. When Albert's brother, the devoutly Roman Catholic king Baudouin, died in 1993, it was widely expected that Philippe would take the throne instead of his father.

Yet, he was considered unprepared for the task at hand. Even now, at 53, the silver-haired Philippe has plenty of critics who see him as awkward and reclusive. "He was always faced with the dictum, 'He's not up to it.' It still weighs on him," historian and author Marc Reynebeau told The Associated Press.

Prime Minister Elio Di Rupo said that Prince Philippe "has shown a great sense of responsibility in preparing" for the throne. Under the reign of his father, Philippe was groomed for the job as a leader of foreign trade delegations. Married to Princess Mathilde, the couple has four children.

The hesitations about Philippe may well last past July 21. If the Dutch royal

handover on April 30 became a huge party across the nation, there might not be such exuberance in Belgium. The kingdom has increasingly become a divided nation, with the 10.5

million Belgians split into distinct Dutch-speaking Flemings and French-speaking Walloons. Belgium found itself without a government for a record 541 days before the team of Di Rupo

could take the oath late in 2011. Albert had to be involved in the protracted talks because one of the few real powers a Belgian monarch has is to appoint government brokers.

Reflecting the strife, a few dozen protesters of the extreme right Flemish Interest party posted themselves in front of the royal palace Wednesday with a huge banner that said "Flanders Independent."

Belgium is enjoying something of a political lull as it prepares for potentially bruising nationwide and regional elections next spring, with the question of greater division expected to at the heart of debates. An abdication at that stage would have been inconceivable. □



Belgian King Albert II addresses the nation, during a television speech at the Royal Palace in Brussels, Wednesday, July 3, 2013. Belgian King Albert has unexpectedly announced that he will step down in favor of his son, Crown Prince Philippe on July 21, 2013. (AP Photo/Eric Lalmend)

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Japan PM Abe slams China ahead of elections

MALCOLM FOSTER
Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Wednesday criticized China for shutting “all the doors” to dialogue because of the countries’ territorial disputes, as he joined other party leaders in a debate a day before campaigning officially starts for July 21 parliamentary elections.

“It is wrong to shut all the doors just because a problem occurred. It is wrong to reject summit talks because the other party gets on a nerve, or doesn’t accept a demand,” Abe said.

The ongoing diplomatic row between Japan and China over a group of East China Sea islands claimed by both has been a flash-point of contention, with Chinese surveillance and navy vessels increasingly present around the islands. Japan and other Asian countries that also have territorial disputes with China will work together to keep order in the region “by rules of law,” Abe said. “China’s ongoing behavior is not tolerated by the international society, and we seek to push for a more peaceful approach,” he said.

Flanked by eight other party leaders in a debate held at the Japan National Press Club, Abe was

the target of many of the questions posed by political rivals and experts querying his economic policies, views on revising the constitution, nuclear power and ties with China and South Korea, as well as his views on Japan’s wartime history. During the debate, Abe



Osaka Mayor Toru Hashimoto, right, co-leader of the Japan Restoration Party, speaks as Japanese Prime Minister and the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) leader Shinzo Abe listens during a debate for upper house elections to be held July 21 among the leaders of nine political parties at the Japan National Press Club in Tokyo, Wednesday, July 3, 2013.

(AP Photo/Itsuo Inouye)

also played up signs of economic recovery and appealed to voters for political stability.

Abe’s ruling Liberal Democratic Party and its junior coalition partner, the New Komeito Party, are expected to gain a majority in the less powerful upper house through the

elections, when half the chamber’s 242 seats will be up for grabs. That would give them control of both chambers of parliament for as long as three years if early elections aren’t called, making it easier to pass legislation after years of gridlock from a “twisted

parliament,” in which the opposition controls the upper house.

Abe’s Cabinet has enjoyed relatively strong public support since taking office in December after the LDP’s landslide victory in lower house elections, thanks largely to his three-pronged economic revival

program dubbed “Abenomics,” which includes massive monetary easing and public spending. Business confidence has bounced back, stock prices have risen sharply and the weaker yen has given exporters relief.

Abe boasted about Japan’s 4.1 percent annual economic growth rate in the first quarter, and pledged to lift the country out of years of deflation.

“Thanks to everyone’s strength, politics has changed and the economy has begun to move,” he said. “We will win the election, end the twisted parliament and deliver visible results that you can see.”

Amid growing concerns about the diplomatic impact of his nationalistic views, Abe was cautious on historical issues Wednesday. He said Japanese — including politicians — had a right to pray at Tokyo’s controversial Yasukuni war shrine, but refused to say whether he will visit the site on Aug. 15 to mark the end of World War II and pray for the 2.3 million war dead and convicted wartime leaders memorialized there.

“If I say whether to go or not to go to Yasukuni, that alone becomes a diplomatic problem. I’m not going to say anything on this,” he said. □

Haiti seeking driver in crash that killed US Embassy staff

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haitian police said Wednesday they are searching for the driver of a truck that slammed into the vehicle of a U.S. Embassy employee and killed her.

Police inspector Jones Josius said that the driver of a truck carrying fertilizer fled after the head-on collision on a major thoroughfare north of Haiti’s capital of Port-au-Prince.

The driver had been passing another vehicle on June 26 when he crashed into the Land Cruiser carrying USAID Foreign Service officer Antoinette “Toni” Beaumont Tomasek. The driver of Tomasek’s vehicle suffered a broken arm and another passenger, a woman, had neck pains.

Tomasek was taken to a hospital in Saint Marc, a port city 55 miles (100 kilometers) northwest of Port-au-Prince. Josius said she died on Saturday in a hospital in the Haitian capital. Tomasek, a native of Manhattan Beach, California, was 41. The former Peace Corps volunteer had just begun working for U.S. Agency for International Development’s mission in Haiti in May as a community health specialist.

Prior to that, she worked for USAID in Indonesia, where she set up a program that offered grants to local organizations seeking to prevent and treat tuberculosis. Tomasek is survived by her husband Adam and two children.

Such traffic accidents are common in Haiti, where road rules are seldom enforced or respected. □

\$26.5 million loan awarded to build Haiti hotel

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The International Finance Corporation and a Dutch development bank have awarded a \$26.5 million loan to help build a hotel in Haiti.

The loan was given to Turgeau Developments, S.A.,

to help with construction of a Marriott International Hotel in Port-au-Prince. Turgeau Developments is a company that was created by one of Haiti’s biggest private firms,

Digicel Limited, to build the hotel. The 175-room Marri-

ott is scheduled to open in 2015.

It’s among several other hotels that have opened or will soon open in Port-au-Prince after the 2010 earthquake.

The hotels target contractors, foreign aid workers

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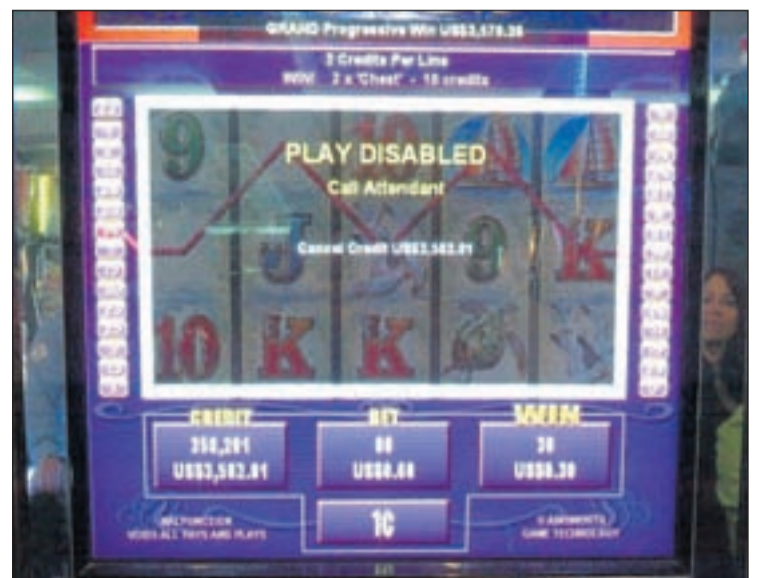
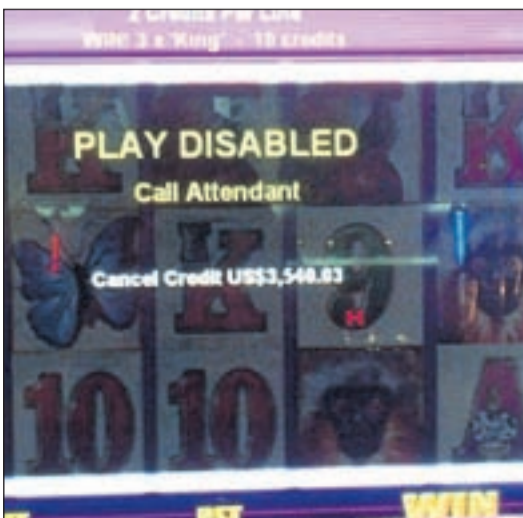


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and waterpark. At night the boys, Zachary (6), Oliver (5) and the youngest press member Whistler (3) showed their chef skills at La Vista, where they made their own pizzas. On Saturday, the participants had a fun morning at the Butterfly Farm followed by a beach tennis clinic by Aruba's Beach Tennis pro Bertrand. The afternoon was dedicated for some family time at the resort. In the evening, pancakes and poffertjes were served at the Dutch Pancake House. The Aruba Marriott thanks De Palm Tours, Aruba Beach Tennis, the Butterfly Farm and the Dutch Pancake House for their cooperation and hospitality with the "Come one, come all" press trip. □

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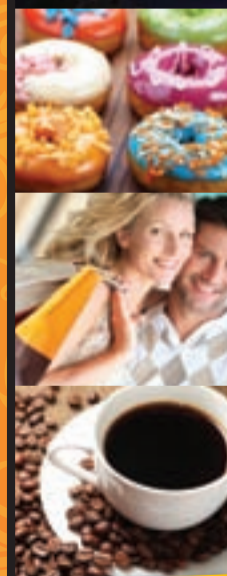
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CAVENDISH IN CONTROL

JOHN LEICESTER

AP Sports Writer

MARSEILLE, France (AP) —

Mark Cavendish will never be the greatest Tour de France rider, because he will never win the race five times like Eddy Merckx of Belgium and Frenchman



Britain's Marc Cavendish celebrates as he wins the fifth stage of the Tour de France in southern France, Wednesday July 3, 2013.

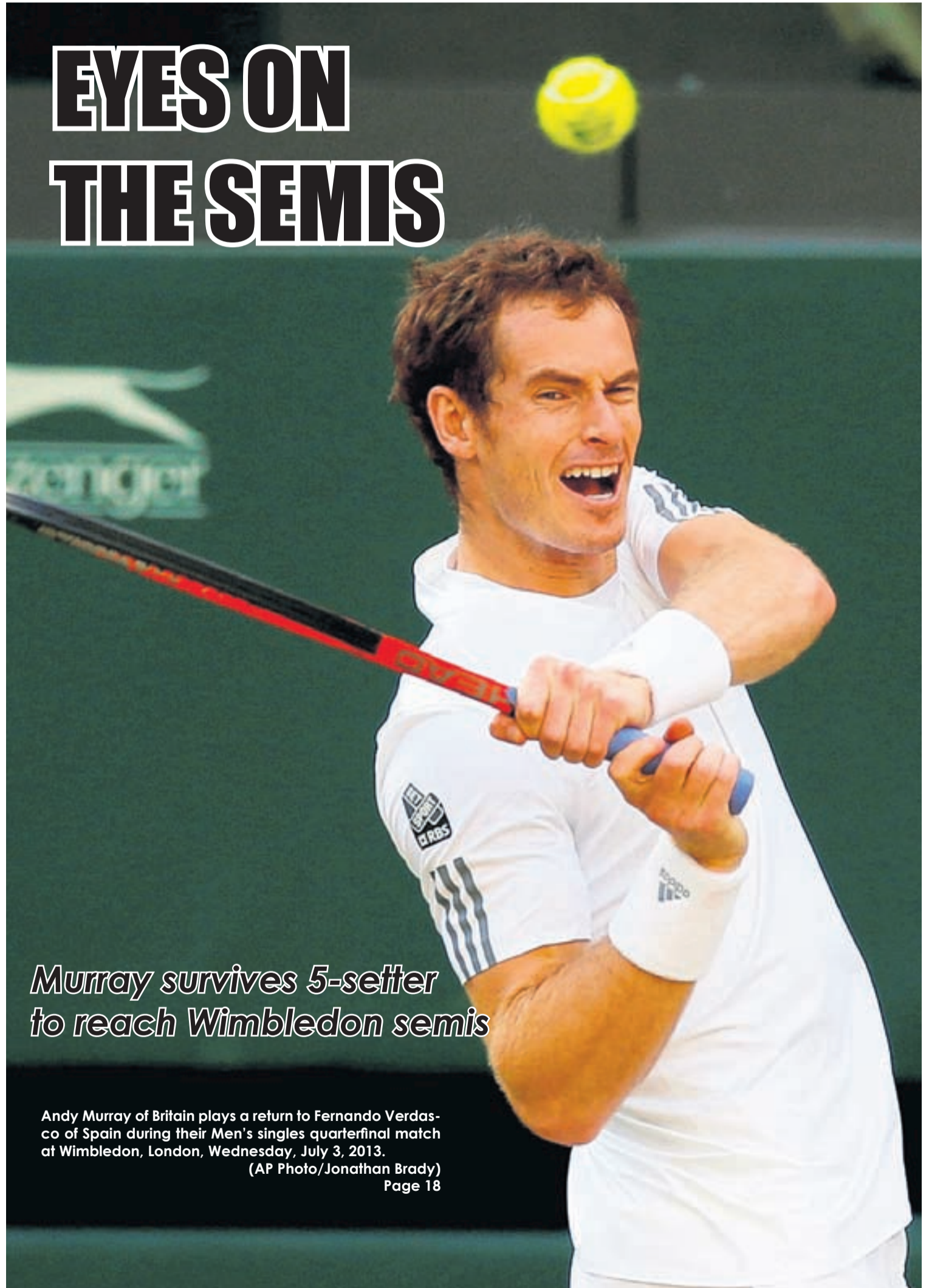
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Bernard Hinault. Still, the sprinter with thighs like thick hams could outdo both of those legends — by winning more stages than them at cycling's premier race.

By Cavendish's warp-speed standards, his 24th stage win on Wednesday was like taking candy from a baby. The teammates who led Cavendish to the finish, sucking him along in their wheels, building up his speed, were toiling like clockwork. Stamping on his pedals, head down, thighs pumping like pistons, Cavendish then whooshed off alone for the last 150 meters (yards), leaving everyone else in his wake.

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EYES ON THE SEMIS



Murray survives 5-setter to reach Wimbledon semis

Andy Murray of Britain plays a return to Fernando Verdasco of Spain during their Men's singles quarterfinal match at Wimbledon, London, Wednesday, July 3, 2013.

(AP Photo/Jonathan Brady)
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AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — In the stands and from afar, some of the biggest names in Britain were cheering on Andy Murray at Wimbledon.

There was Alex Ferguson, the recently retired manager of Manchester United, sitting among the crowd at the All England Club and smiling broadly. And there

was David Cameron, the country's prime minister, tweeting his well-wishes before the match and then later a photo of him watching it on television.

Murray didn't let either of them down, or any of his other millions of fans, but he did make it hard to take at times. The second-seeded Briton advanced to the Wimbledon semifinals for the fifth straight year, overcoming a two-set deficit to beat Fernando Verdasco 4-6, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, 7-5 Wednesday on Centre Court. "I think when you play more and more matches and gain more experience you understand how to turn matches around and how to change the momentum of games," Murray said, relating his comeback win to one of Ferguson's famous late turnarounds with Man United. "Maybe when I was younger I could have lost that match. But I think I've learnt how to come back from tough situations more as I got older."

Ferguson is becoming something of a regular at Murray's big matches. Along with Sean Connery,

Ferguson even crashed a post-match news conference last year after Murray won his first Grand Slam title at the U.S. Open.

Ferguson didn't make it that far this time, but there could be two matches still to go at Wimbledon, where a British man has not won the title since Fred Perry in 1936. "Just got off the court a few minutes ago, so I haven't seen anyone yet," Murray said flatly about Ferguson, perhaps trying to downplay the feeling of having such an accomplished fan in his corner. One of many accomplished fans, it turns out. Cameron may have skipped the trip out to the All England Club, but before the match he wrote on Twitter that he wished Murray luck. He did the same for Laura Robson ahead of her fourth-round loss on Monday, leading some to think his gesture could be a bad omen, a so-called "Cameron curse." □



Andy Murray of Britain plays a return to Fernando Verdasco of Spain during their Men's singles quarterfinal match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Wednesday, July 3, 2013.

(AP Photo/Anja Niedringhaus)

At Tour de France, Cavendish edges toward legends

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Cavendish was carrying so much momentum and this win in Marseille, France's second-largest city, was so comfortable that he was able to sit up in the saddle and make a hand motion like cracking a whip as he crossed the line.

One more stage win will tie Cavendish with Andre Leducq, the Frenchman who got 25 stage wins in the 1920s and 1930s, putting him third on the all-time list. Beyond Leducq is Hinault, who notched up 28 wins in the 1970s and '80s. Merckx's monument is 34, won from 1969 to 1975. Jacques Anquetil and Miguel Indurain also won five Tours, but didn't win as many stages as Hinault and Merckx. Anquetil won 16; Indurain got 12. All seven of Lance Armstrong Tour wins were stripped from him for doping. This 100th Tour is the first since Armstrong's fall last year. Cavendish makes out that he isn't fixated on Hinault



Britain's Marc Cavendish, left, crosses the finish line ahead of Edvald Boasson Hagen of Norway, center and second place, and fifth place Roberto Ferrari of Italy, right in pink jersey, to win the fifth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 228.5 kilometers (142.8 miles) with start in Cagnes-sur-Mer and finish in Marseille, southern France, Wednesday July 3, 2013.

(AP Photo/Peter Dejong)

or Merckx's numbers. He notes that for many riders, winning just one stage at the 110-year-old Tour — let alone the 11 he needs to overhaul Merckx — is a career-defining feat. "You have to show the Tour de France the respect it deserves," he said. But then Cavendish isn't any other rider. Before this

edition, he collected on average nearly five wins at every Tour since 2008. In 2009, he got six. He won the last four sprint finishes on the Champs-Elysees in Paris, where he is unbeaten since 2009. While Merckx's record is still a way off, Hinault and most certainly Leducq look within Cavendish's grasp.

"Obviously I aim to win multiple stages each year. But to set any goals, any number ... it does one of two things: It sets you up to fail for something or it puts like a mark on what you want to achieve and it can kind of stop you trying to move forward," he said. Were Cavendish to overtake Hinault, it wouldn't

mean he is a better overall rider than the famously bad-tempered "Badger," who was strong on every terrain. But in a sprint, Cavendish has no equal, at least in this generation. Although Cavendish downplays the chase for stage-win milestones, he is certainly very aware of them. □

South Korea beats Colombia on penalties at U20



South Korea's Yeon Jeimin jumps higher than Colombia's players to head the ball during their Under-20 World Cup round of 16 soccer match with South Korea in Trabzon, Turkey, Wednesday, July 3 2013. South Korea defeated Colombia 8-7 in a penalty shootout after the game ended in a 1-1 draw.

(AP Photo/Armando Franca)

ERIC WILLEMSSEN
Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) — South Korea beat Colombia in a penalty shootout at the Under-20 World Cup on Wednesday to join Ghana, Chile and Iraq in the quarterfinals.

Having played out a 1-1 draw after extra time, Colombia was trailing 8-7 in the shootout when defend-

er Daivy Balanta sent the last penalty over the crossbar.

South Korea will now play Iraq, which needed extra time to beat Paraguay 1-0. Ghana and Chile will meet in the quarterfinals after both teams won their last 16 matches over 90 minutes earlier in the day. Ghana came from a goal down to beat Portugal 3-2 while

two late goals earned the Chileans a 2-0 victory over Croatia. Balanta's spot-kick wasn't the only one that failed to find the net. Earlier in the series, Song Ju-hun missed for South Korea while Felipe Aguilar saw his attempt saved by goalkeeper Lee Chang-geun. Song had given South Korea the lead in the 16th minute when he beat goalkeeper Cristian Bonilla with a low shot after the Colombia defense failed to clear from the area.

Colombia pressed long for an equalizer and had to wait until the fourth minute of injury time before captain Juan Quintero scored with a fierce free kick that beat Lee at the near post. The penalty shootout soon became inevitable as nei-

ther side was willing to take any risks by pushing forward in extra time.

It was different story in the other late game, though, after Iraq and Paraguay has finished 0-0 after 90 minutes, with the South Americans having been reduced to 10 men in the 80th. Iraq substitute Farhan Shakor scored the only goal with a firm header past goalkeeper Diego Morel in the fourth minute of extra time.

Paraguay, which defeated Argentina in qualifying, was without suspended captain Gustavo Gomez. It also lost Arnaldo Sanabria, who was booked in the 70th and sent off after another foul 10 minutes later.

Iraq continued a remarkable run in its first appearance in the tournament

for 12 years. It won Group E, where it drew 2-2 with England, and will now play in the quarterfinals for the second time — having also reached the last eight in 1989. Earlier, substitute Yiadom Boakye set up the equalizer and then scored a late winner as Ghana rallied to beat Portugal.

Ghana was 2-1 down when Boakye came on the 75th. Four minutes later, Portugal goalkeeper Jose Sa saved his shot but allowed Michael Anaba to pounce on the rebound for the equalizer. Boakye then followed up by sending a free kick through the two-man wall in the 85th.

Kennedy Ashia had put Ghana ahead with a 25-meter (yard) effort in the 19th minute. □

Clippers getting Redick, Dudley, Suns get Bledsoe in 3-team deal

The Associated Press J.J. Redick and Jared Dudley are heading to Los Angeles as new members of the Clippers while their city rivals, the Lakers, are hoping Dwight Howard stays put. A person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press that a three-team trade is in place that sends Redick to Los Angeles from the Milwaukee Bucks and Eric Bledsoe from the Clippers to the Phoenix Suns.

The trade on a busy day of NBA free agency will also send Dudley from the Suns to the Clippers and Caron Butler from the Clippers to the Suns. The Bucks will get two second-round draft picks, according to the person who requested anonymity because deals

can't officially be made public until July 10 under NBA rules.

Yahoo! Sports, which first reported the trade, said Redick gets a four-year, \$27 million sign-and-trade contract as part of the exchange.

Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak, Kobe Bryant, Steve Nash and other representatives of the team met for about two hours with Howard to make their pitch for keeping him in town.

"At the meeting, we told him how important he is to the Lakers team, franchise, fans and community, and why we feel this is the best place for him to continue his career," Kupchak said in a statement released by the team. □

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Inbee Park: 1 more leg for Grand Slam, or is it 2?

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

The good news for U.S. LPGA Tour commissioner Mike Whan is that his tour is dominating the golf conversation, which is rare.

For several days, all Whan seems to be hearing about is Inbee Park, and that's how it should be. When she completed a masterful week of putting and precision at Sebonack Golf Club, the South Korean had won the U.S. Women's Open for her third straight major this year.

Next up is a chance for Park to do what no golfer has done in the history of the royal and ancient game — win four professional majors in a single season. Adding to the moment is the venue — the Women's British Open will be at St. Andrews, the home of golf. Any other year, the golf world would be buzzing over the prospect of a Grand Slam.

But not this one. Because for such an historic occasion, there is way too much confusion.

It was Whan who decided for noble reasons in 2010 to elevate The Evian Championship in France to major championship status starting in 2013, giving the tour five majors for the first time in its 63-year history. Just his luck, it turned out to be the

year one of his players had a shot at the Grand Slam. Except that winning four majors is not really a Grand Slam when there are five on the schedule.

Is it?

"If you would have asked

wide. We don't get the exposure anywhere near the men's game except for three or four times a year, and those are around the majors.

"Jump forward to 2013. The fact I can turn on the

It dates to 1930 when Bobby Jones swept the biggest championships of his era — the British Open, British Amateur, U.S. Open and U.S. Amateur. George Trevor of the New York Sun referred to this feat as the "impreg-



Inbee Park, of South Korea, tees off on the third hole during the final round of the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament at the Sebonack Golf Club Sunday, June 30, 2013, in Southampton, N.Y.

(AP Photo/Frank Franklin II)

me as a golf nut about five majors, I would have said, 'It doesn't feel right to me,'" Whan said on Tuesday.

"Then you become commissioner of the LPGA Tour. Do you or don't you? If you don't ... your job here is to grow the opportunities for women in the game world-

TV every night and the discussion is on the LPGA and five majors and what does this mean ... the world views this as frustrating. In my own silly world, this is the most attention we've had in a long time."

Golf always has been about four majors, at least it seems that way.

nable quadrilateral" of golf, while O.B. Keeler of the Atlanta Journal gave it a name that didn't require a stiff upper lip. He called it a Grand Slam, a term from contract bridge that meant winning all 13 tricks. The spirit of that term is a clean sweep, whether it's four, five or 13. □

Simpson looks for another title shot at Greenbrier

RABY
AP Sports Writer

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, West Virginia (AP) — Webb Simpson hopes have another late lead at the

Greenbrier Classic — and this time hang onto it.

Phil Mickelson might have a simpler goal: make the cut and go from there.

Both men will be trying to

improve on past performances at the Old White TPC course when the tournament starts Thursday.

With the British Open two weeks away, Mickelson and Simpson are among only four golfers in the top 20 world rankings entered in West Virginia.

The others are Louis Oosthuizen and Bubba Watson. More than half of the top 20 in the FedEx Cup standings aren't here either. Still, there's a dozen major champions entered.

Also in the field is Bill Haas, who's coming off a win last week at Congressional. He's come close, too, at The Greenbrier, having lost

in a three-way playoff two years ago.

Watson was in a playful mood during Wednesday's pro-am, hitting a 4 iron between the legs of an amateur partner standing a few feet in front of him. One group behind,

Simpson hobnobbed with NBA great and West Virginia native Jerry West.

"It's a laid-back week," Simpson said. "They really cater toward the families at this golf tournament with player parties, family parties, pizza night, bowling night."

Simpson, the 2012 U.S. Open winner, also has more serious matters in mind, though. □



Webb Simpson watches his tee shot on the third hole during the third round of the Greenbrier Classic PGA Golf tournament at the Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., Saturday, July 7, 2012.

(AP Photo/Steve Helber)

Tiger Woods keeps Holiday tournament

AP Golf Writer

The World Challenge that Tiger Woods has hosted every holiday season since 1999 means so much to him that he spent what was believed to be about \$4 million of his own money to help cover operating costs in a year it did not have a full title sponsor.

The future of the event is no longer in doubt. The World Challenge is back on the schedule this year.

"There wasn't a doubt whether we could stage it. The question was whether we could get the necessary corporate support," said Greg McLaughlin, the president of the Tiger Woods Foundation who also runs his tournaments. "We're happy that we have a lot of support for the event that we've been able to generate the last few months." The tournament is scheduled for Dec.

5-8 at Sherwood Country Club in Thousand Oaks, California, where it has been since 2001. Graeme McDowell is the defending champion. McLaughlin said he was not ready to announce the corporate support. Since it began, the World Challenge has raised more than \$25 million for college-access programs through the Tiger Woods Learning Center in Anaheim, Calif., and the Earl Woods Scholarship program. One of the questions about the World Challenge was how it would fit in when the PGA Tour goes to a wraparound season in October. There will be six tournaments that count toward the FedEx Cup in the fall, with the last official event in 2013 in Mexico on Nov. 17. The World Challenge would follow a two-week break, and then the 2014 portion of the schedule begins three weeks later in Kapalua. The World Challenge only offers world ranking points, not to mention a healthy holiday bonus. Even with a reduced purse without a title sponsor, McDowell made \$1 million and last place in the 18-man field paid \$120,000. □

Minor League town takes in Rodriguez, the spectacle

HARVEY ARATON

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CHARLESTON, S.C. - Nobody boycotted Alex Rodriguez from right outside the gates of Joseph P. Riley Jr. Park or booed him with any great conviction from inside the jammed Class A facility during his latest re-emergence into profes-

personally?"

Miller, a lifelong New York Yankees fan who grew up in the Bronx and relocated to Charleston, added: "Unfortunately, he was given a contract that wasn't in the best interest of the Yankees."

One needs to get far away from New York and the bit-

But to this point, there has seemed nothing the Yankees could do to make Rodriguez go away. They pinch-hit for him and benched him in last fall's playoffs when they had a lineup full of automatic outs to choose from.

Last week, general manager Brian Cashman em-

nandez represents the top, or worst, then Rodriguez, who merely assaulted his and baseball's credibility, is nowhere near it.

Some make the simplistic argument that fans do not care about steroids or other banned enhancements. But baseball's national brand has nowhere the hold on the American public that it once did. It's more of a provincial game

now. Hometown fans cheer the tainted but not because of ignorance or indifference. It's primarily out of self-interest.

Nowhere is this strange conditional arrangement more awkward and simultaneously fascinating than in the ever-evolving case of Rodriguez, who must apparently still believe that he and the Yankees can live happily ever after. □



Alex Rodriguez signs autographs after warming up before playing a game with the Charleston RiverDogs in Charleston, S.C., July 2, 2013. Fans at the minor league game were happy to have a star in their midst, regardless of the baggage Rodriguez might carry for the big league Yankees. (John W. Addisison/The New York Times)

sional baseball.

"Got to tell you, awesome atmosphere here in South Carolina," he said. "Feel pretty welcome."

While there were scattered hoots, most fans applauded Rodriguez as he took the field with the Charleston RiverDogs Tuesday night to begin the planned 20-day rehabilitative climb back to Yankee Stadium. A-Rod's best-case hyperbole notwithstanding, there was more celebrity gawking than hero worship.

He got the fans' undivided attention more than he was given their unconditional love. The collective reception was nicely synthesized by a retired ex-New Yorker named Stewart Miller.

"Why should I dislike him?" Miller said while standing in the concourse in a rain slicker as light drops began falling after Rodriguez departed from the RiverDogs game against the Rome Braves after three innings and two at-bats. "What has he ever done to me

terness the Yankees wear like a pinstriped prison to better grasp the context of the matrimonial mismatch recommitted to in 2007: 10 more years, at least \$275 million guaranteed.

A-Rod postured. The Sons of Steinbrenner capitulated. For all his fakery and flaws, there is something unmistakably appealing to Rodriguez's refusal to let the Yankees off the hook to collect insurance; to allow them to make it all about his failings, physical and otherwise.

It's possible and perhaps even likely that the story will eventually play out on the Yankees' terms, anyway. Rodriguez's thickened body, soon to turn 38, may well be sapped of big-league flexibility and durability. Any suspension by Major League Baseball for A-Rod's being caught in the Biogenesis performance enhancement drug net would heighten the physical challenges of a meaningful comeback following his recovery from a second hip surgery.

barrased him - and admittedly himself - by publicly and profanely telling A-Rod to shut up when all he did was express excitement on Twitter about being ready to play.

Why does Rodriguez endure all this? What keeps him kibitzing with fans and chatting up familiar reporters - as he did Tuesday night - who would turn on him in an October heart-beat?

What stops him from blaming his late-career tailspin on injuries, taking the remaining money owed him and becoming a full-time famous person? If Dennis Rodman can be a self-appointed ambassador to North Korea, surely there would be post-career attention paid to the publicity machine known as A-Rod.

He has long been consigned to the holding pen for drug cheats in sports, cast as one of the industry's egocentric bad guys and not without reason.

Yet there are many levels of ignominy; if Aaron Her-

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MLB Roundup:

Phillies end Pirates 9-game hot streak with tough 3-1 win

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Pirates' nine-game winning streak came to a halt with a 3-1 home loss to Philadelphia on Tuesday, with Phillies starter Jonathan Pettibone pitching neatly into the sixth inning.

In other key games, Boston beat slumping San Diego, the Los Angeles Angels won their seventh-straight game by downing St. Louis and Homer Bailey pitched a no-hitter in Cincinnati's win over San Francisco. Detroit came back from a four-run deficit to edge Toronto, Kendrys Morales had six RBIs in Seattle's win over Texas and Oakland regained the American League West lead by beating the Chicago Cubs.

Phillies slugger Ryan Howard ended an 0-for-22 slump — including 12 strikeouts — with an RBI single in a three-run sixth inning which opened the scoring against Pittsburgh.

Howard and Michael Young each had two hits for Philadelphia, which scored all of its runs against Pirates rookie spot starter

Brandon Cumpton (0-1). Pettibone (4-3) won for the first time in nine starts by giving up just one run in 5 2-3 innings.

Boston's Brandon Snyder hit a bases-loaded double to help the Red Sox to a 4-1 win over San Diego.

Boston starter John Lackey (6-5) struck out six over eight strong innings, giving up one run and one walk.

The Red Sox, who improved to 6-1 during a nine-game homestand.

Los Angeles pitcher Jered Weaver earned his second win of an injury-plagued season with help from a five-run second inning as the Angels beat St. Louis 5-1.

Weaver (2-4) allowed one run and no walks over seven innings. He struck out five in his ninth start of the year, working with runners on base in every inning but the seventh.

L.A.'s three-time NL MVP Albert Pujols played his first game against his former club and was 0 for 3 with two strikeouts and a walk.

Cincinnati's Homer Bailey threw his second no-hitter in 10 months to guide the



A Philadelphia Phillies fan holds a sign behind the Phillies' dugout before their baseball game against the Pittsburgh Pirates in Pittsburgh. The Phillies won 3-1, ending the Pirates' nine-game winning streak.

(AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar)

Reds to a 3-0 win over San Francisco.

Bailey (5-6) became the third Reds pitcher with more than one no-hitter, joining Jim Maloney and Johnny Vander Meer — still the only big leaguer to toss two in a row.

The last pitcher to throw one no-hitter and then another before anyone else in the majors accomplished the feat was Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan in 1974 then 1975, according to STATS.

Bailey walked Gregor Blanco leading off the seventh, the only Giants batter to reach base.

Detroit's Torii Hunter drove in the tiebreaking run with a two-out infield single in the eighth inning as the Ti-

gers rallied from a 4-0 deficit to beat Toronto 7-6.

Omar Infante singled off Neil Wagner (1-3) to begin the eighth, moving to second on a sacrifice bunt and took third on a deep fly ball. Hunter followed with a comebacker that bounced off Wagner and rolled to the shortstop, whose throw to first was late. Hunter had four singles and Miguel Cabrera hit a three-run home run as the Tigers snapped a three-game losing streak.

The Blue Jays had won their previous seven home games.

Oakland returned to the top of the AL West with an 8-7 win over the Chicago Cubs, leapfrogging Texas, which lost 9-2 to Seattle.

Oakland's Derek Norris hit a three-run homer with two outs in the eighth inning to give the A's victory.

Dan Otero (1-0) pitched one scoreless inning for his first career win, and Grant Balfour finished for his 20th straight save this season and 38th overall.

Seattle's Kendrys Morales homered twice and tied a career high with six RBIs to lead the Mariners past Texas.

Morales had a solo home run in the first and a three-run shot in the fifth, then added a two-run single in the sixth.

Seattle's Joe Saunders (6-8) won for the first time in eight regular-season starts at Rangers Ballpark, allowing one earned run while striking out five in 6 2-3 in-

nings.

Cleveland's Carlos Santana and Asdrubal Cabrera each drove in a pair of runs, as the Indians took advantage of some wild pitching to beat Kansas City 6-5. Los Angeles' Clayton Kershaw tossed a four-hitter for his second shutout of the season and rookie sensation Yasiel Puig had three more hits, including a solo homer, to lead the Dodgers to an 8-0 win over Colorado.

Chicago's Adam Dunn and Conor Gillaspie homered to help the White Sox beat Baltimore 5-2, snapping the Orioles' four-game winning streak.

New York's Robinson Cano homered for the third straight game as the Yankees beat Minnesota 7-3.

Atlanta's Chris Johnson hit a two-run, go-ahead double in a four-run sixth inning that helped the Braves to an 11-3 win over Miami.

New York's Jeremy Hefner and the Mets handed Arizona pitcher Patrick Corbin his first loss, breaking away from the Diamondbacks on a drizzly night for a 9-2 win that sent the NL West leaders to their season-worst fifth straight defeat.

Milwaukee could find no answer to Washington's Stephen Strasburg but profited against his relievers as the Brewers beat the Nationals 4-0.

Tampa Bay's David Price pitched seven scoreless innings in his return from injury as the Rays cruised to an 8-0 win over Houston. □



Boston Red Sox's Jacoby Ellsbury (2) slides into third safely tagging up on Shane Victorino's fly ball, as San Diego Padres third baseman Chase Headley tries to catch a throw during the third inning of an interleague baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston. (AP Photo/Elise Amendola)

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New Google Phones made for simplicity

ANICK JESDANUN
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NEW YORK (AP) —

Two new Android phones will look and sound familiar to those who have been paying attention to phones. That's because these two devices are replicas of Samsung's Galaxy S4 and HTC's One, except they lack most of the bells and whistles added to the original models. And that's a good thing. The modifications Samsung and HTC apply to Google's Android software are meant to be improvements. But I've complained before about how the changes actually make phones more complex to use. The S4 even has an easy mode for first-time smartphone users, an admission that the normal mode is too confounding. Google worked with both Samsung Electronics Co. and HTC Corp. to come out with "Google Play" editions of the hit phones. Instead of customized software from Samsung and HTC, the Google phones run a pure version of Android, just as it was developed by Google. Google lets any phone maker use its Android operating system for free. To set themselves apart from competitors, phone makers often add their own touches to devices. They rearrange the menu or load additional apps. Wireless carriers also like to add their own apps. Before you know it, phones are bloated with features and apps you don't want and can't get rid of. Consider my experience with the original S4 over the weekend. As I tried to adjust the camera's flash setting, I inadvertently made some postage stamp icon pop up. □

Photoshop CC turns software into a monthly rental

DAVID POGUE
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There's a new reason for Photoshop to be famous. Yes, it's still the program that just about every photographer and designer on earth uses to retouch or even reimagine photos. Yes, it's still the only program whose name is a verb.

But now, Photoshop is also the biggest-name software that you can't actually buy. You can only rent it, for a month or a year at a time. If you ever stop paying, you keep your files but lose the ability to edit them.

You have to pay \$30 a month, or \$240 a year, for the privilege of using the latest Photoshop version, called Photoshop CC. Or, if you want to use the full Adobe suite (Illustrator, InDesign, Premiere and so on), you'll pay \$600 a year. The price list is stunningly complex.

The fees may be higher or lower depending on how many programs you rent, whether you already own an existing version and which one, whether you commit to a full year or prefer to rent one month at a time. There are also discounted first-year teaser rates, student/teacher rates and a 30-day free trial.

But you get the point: the dawn of Software as a Subscription is now upon us. Microsoft is conducting a similar experiment with the latest version of Office. An Office 365 subscription is \$100 a year. But there's a big difference: renting Office is optional. You can still buy it outright if you prefer. It should be obvious why Adobe is enthusiastic about rental software. First, it's big money.

Not everybody will pay more than before under the new plan. If you use three or more Adobe programs and you upgrade to the latest versions every year, you'll save money by renting.

But if you use only one or two programs, you'll pay much more by renting - especially if you were in the habit of upgrading only

make sure the subscription is up to date. If not, you're locked out of using it.

Finally, Adobe benefits because it's no longer committed to a difficult, relentless annual release cycle. There will no longer be a big new version of each Adobe program each year. Instead, Adobe says that it will regularly slip in new features, large and small,

The big one, of course, is that perpetual refinement principle. You'll always be up to date with software that's constantly improving.

Adobe also points out that subscribing to Photoshop gets you more than just the right to download the software. The subscription comes with access to Behance, an online portfolio where you can display your Adobe-created documents and read admiring comments from fellow creative types. You also get 20 gigabytes of online storage for files, Dropbox style, so you can work on them wherever you happen to be. Another perk: As before, you can use your rented programs simultaneously on two computers - but now, one can be a Mac and one can be a Windows machine.

Finally, what you get by subscribing is a whole new version of Photoshop (and whatever other programs you use). And there's no doubt about it: Adobe is introducing CC with a powerful, well-designed, very polished suite.

Photoshop looks lovely. It's still staggeringly complicated, but it's about as well designed as any program with well over 500 menu commands can be. It requires a high-horsepower, newish computer (Mac OS X 10.7 or Windows 7 and later), but it opens much faster than before. Because Microsoft's rental program is optional - you can still buy - the company has a steady incentive to sweeten the rental deal. And indeed, since it introduced Office 365 in March, Microsoft has added a flood of new goodies, features and software bits to its rental offering. □



Photoshop is now the biggest-name software that you can't actually buy, as the new version costs \$30 a month, or \$240 a year.
(Stuart Goldenberg/The New York Times)

every other year, for example. Here's the math: Photoshop CC alone will cost \$240 a year. In the old days, buying the annual upgrade cost \$200, and you didn't have to upgrade every year. In three years, you might have spent \$200 or \$400; now you'll pay \$720.

And Adobe could raise the rental prices at any time. Every year, if it chooses.

Adobe also benefits because a rental plan helps it cut down on software piracy. Despite its name (CC stands for Creative Cloud), the new software versions are not, in fact, stored online. You still download Photoshop, Illustrator and the other programs and run them from your computer. But the downloaded software checks in with the mother ship every 30 days, over the Internet, to

as soon as they're ready. The company hasn't decided whether it will ever use numbers again (Photoshop CS4, CS5, CS6), but for now, the name is simply Photoshop CC.

So far, the switch to a rental-only plan may sound like a rotten deal for many creative people, especially small operators on a budget. And, indeed, many of them are horrified by the switch. A touching but entirely hopeless petition (j.mp/1aynMtK) has 35,000 signatures so far. ("We want you to restart development for Adobe Creative Suite 7 and all future Creative Suites," it says. "Do it for the freelancers. For the small businesses. For the average consumer.") Adobe, however, points out that rental customers gain vast advantages over the old "you buy it" system.

Stocks gain after encouraging US hiring news



Traders work in the oil options pit at the New York Mercantile Exchange Wednesday, July 3, 2013. Oil climbed above \$101 a barrel as the political crisis in Egypt intensified.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

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AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Encouraging news about the U.S. jobs market trumped higher oil prices and worrying developments in Europe's debt crisis on Wednesday. Oil climbed above \$102 a barrel for the first time in more than a year as the political turmoil in Egypt intensified, raising the risk of supply disruptions in the Suez Canal. In Europe, traders dumped Portuguese stocks and bonds as the country's government teetered on

the edge of collapse. That news was offset though by a brighter outlook on U.S. jobs ahead of Friday's monthly employment report. The stock market opened lower, then drifted higher in late morning trading. By noon, indexes turned positive. "The key takeaway is that jobs matter more than Egypt," said Alec Young, a global equity strategist at S&P Capital IQ. "Nothing is more important to the state of the economy than the jobs market."

In the U.S., fewer Americans sought unemployment benefits last week and ADP, a payrolls processor, said businesses added more jobs last month than analysts had expected. The government's broader monthly survey of U.S. employment is scheduled to be released Friday morning. Economists predict that employers added 165,000 jobs in June. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 56.14 points, or 0.4 percent, to close at 14,988.55.

The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 1.33 points, or 0.1 percent, to 1,615.41. The Nasdaq composite gained 10.27 points, or 0.3 percent, to 3,443.67. Trading closed at 1 p.m. (1700 GMT) ahead of the July Fourth holiday Thursday. Regular trading will resume Friday. Investors will be watching the government's jobs report closely in hopes of figuring out what the Federal Reserve will do next. Fed chairman Ben Bernanke said June 19 that the central bank was considering easing back on its stimulus program later this year if the economy strengthens enough. The central bank is buying \$85 billion in bonds every month to keep interest rates low and encourage spending. The Fed may be forced to keep stimulating the economy because U.S. growth remains muted, said Derek Gabrielsen, a wealth advisor, at Strategic Wealth Partners. That will provide a boost to stocks. "The schedule that (Bernanke) laid out is not going to be realized as quickly as he said," Gabrielsen said. "I don't think the economy can handle it."

Payroll processing firm ADP said that U.S. employers added 188,000 jobs in June, more than the 155,000 forecast by economists. Also, the government's weekly report on unemployment claims provided more evidence that layoffs remain low and job gains steady. The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits fell 5,000 to 343,000.

In U.S. government bond trading, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note was unchanged at 2.48 percent from Tuesday. In Europe, stock markets slumped after the yield on Portugal's benchmark 10-year bond surged almost a percentage point to 7.31 percent. Investors are worried about the future of the bailed-out country and its efforts to get a handle on its debt after two Cabinet members quit.

Germany's DAX index fell 1 percent to 7,829 and the U.K.'s FTSE 100 fell 1.2 percent to 6,229.

The price of oil climbed \$1.43, or 1.5 percent, to \$101.03. Oil has climbed almost 8 percent since Monday last week. The price of gold rose \$8.50, or 0.7 percent, to close at \$1,251.90. Among stocks making big moves:

— Alcoa fell 9 cents, or 1.2 percent, to \$7.71 after the Citigroup analyst Brian Yu reduced his second-quarter and full-year profit predictions for the aluminum producer, citing low prices for the metal.

— AutoNation gained 71 cents, or 1.6 percent, to \$45.27 after Credit Suisse raised its rating on the stock to "outperform" from "neutral," citing a positive outlook for the company's parts and servicing business.

— Mead Johnson fell \$6.05, or 8.1 percent, to \$68.85 adding to a 5.7 percent slump Tuesday. The Chinese government is investigating the nutritional products maker for possibly violating anti-monopoly laws in its pricing of infant formula, Bloomberg News reported yesterday. □

Survey:

US services firms grow slower but hire more

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. services firms grew at a slower pace in June from May but added more jobs. The figures offered a mixed sign for companies that employ roughly 90 percent of the workforce. The Institute for Supply Management said Wednesday that its index of service-sector growth fell in June to 52.2. That's down from 53.7 in May and the lowest reading in more than three years. Any reading above 50 indicates expansion. The index was dragged down by steep drops in new orders and a measure of the business outlook. Still, a gauge of employment jumped to 54.7, up from 50.1 in May. That's the



Sales associate Starr Miller waits for customers to shop at Festivity, a boutique in Virginia Highlands, in Atlanta. U.S. services firms grew at a slower pace in June from May but added more jobs. The figures offered a mixed sign for companies that employ roughly 90 percent of the workforce.

(AP Photo/Jaime Henry-White)

first increase in five months and suggests services firms hired more briskly last month. The survey measures growth at businesses

that cover most of the job market. They range from construction companies and health care firms to retail businesses and res-

taurants. The ISM report comes a day before the government issues its June employment report. That is expected to show employers added 165,000 jobs last month, while the unemployment rate stayed at 7.6 percent. Growth in the service industry depends largely on consumers, whose spending drives roughly 70 percent of economic activity. The housing rebound and a pickup in consumer spending helped increase the index earlier this year. Spending at retail businesses rose in May, a sign that solid job growth has encouraged Americans to spend more. And the improving job market has lifted consumer confidence to a 5½-year high. □

Avon says selling jewelry unit back to former owner

NEW YORK (AP) — Beauty products company Avon is selling the jewelry company Silpada back to the company's co-founders and their families for \$85 million, well below what it paid for the company three years ago.



Avon announced earlier this year that it was reviewing strategic options for the business which sells sterling silver jewelry at home parties. Avon purchased Silpada Designs in July 2010 for \$650 million. The families of co-founders Jerry and Bonnie Kelly and Tom and Teresa Walsh, through their company Rhinestone Holdings Inc., were the highest bidders in an auction process. Avon said in a regulatory filing on Tuesday that the transaction also includes up to \$15 million more if Silpada hits certain earnings targets over the next two years. Avon Products Inc. anticipates taking a charge before taxes of about \$80 million in the second-quarter tied to the sale. It expects to use the sale's proceeds for general corporate purposes, including repaying outstanding debt.

Silpada said late Tuesday that Kelsey Perry and Ryane Delka, daughters of the Walsh and Kelly families respectively, will serve as co-presidents. Perry most recently served as Silpada's brand merchandising manager, while Delka was previously the company's vice president of sales, development and training. Jerry Kelly will remain as CEO, and he and Tom Walsh will serve as co-chairmen. Bonnie Kelly, Teresa Walsh, Delka and Perry will also serve as board members.

Silpada has more than 300 workers in the U.S. and Canada. □

US trade gap widened in May; exports weakened

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit widened in May to its highest level in six months as a sluggish global economy depressed U.S. exports. Fewer exports mean U.S. growth in the April-June quarter could be weaker than previously forecast.

The trade deficit rose to \$45 billion in May, up 12.1 percent from \$40.1 billion in April, the Commerce Department said Wednesday. It was the largest trade gap since November.

Exports slipped 0.3 percent to \$187.1 billion. Sales of American farm products dropped to their lowest point in more than two years.

U.S. exports have been hurt by recessions in many European countries.

Imports rose 1.9 percent to \$232.1 billion. Imports of autos and other nonpetroleum products hit an all-time high.

The U.S. trade deficit is running at an annual rate of \$501.2 billion, 6.3 percent lower than last year's gap. A trade gap can restrain growth because it means consumers and businesses are spending more on foreign goods than companies are taking in from overseas sales.

Paul Dales, senior U.S. economist at Capital Eco-

nomics, said the larger trade gap for May indicates that economic growth last quarter could be even weaker than the sluggish 1.5 percent annual rate he had previously predicted.

Economists at Barclays said the higher deficit had led them to downgrade their growth forecast for the second quarter from 1.6 percent to 1 percent.

its previous estimate of a 2.4 percent rate.

Economists say they think growth will rebound somewhat in the second half of this year as the effect of government spending cuts and tax increases begins to wear off.

For May, exports to the 27-nation European Union were up 6.4 percent. But over the past five months, exports to this region have

jumped 15.6 percent to \$27.9 billion in May. That's close to the all-time monthly high set in November. So far this year, the U.S. deficit with China, the largest with any country, is running 3 percent higher than last year.

The United States and China will hold high-level talks in Washington next week. They will seek to resolve differences in such areas



A cargo ship, owned by German shipping company Hapag-Lloyd, crosses New York Harbor. The U.S. trade deficit widened in May to its highest level in six months as a sluggish global economy depressed U.S. exports.
(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

The U.S. economy expanded at only a 1.8 percent annual rate in the first three months of the year, the Commerce Department said last week.

That was much slower than

declined 6.3 percent from the same period in 2012. Europe has been hurt by a prolonged debt crisis, which has led to recessions across the continent.

The U.S. deficit with China

as cyber-security, theft of intellectual property and China's currency policies. U.S. manufacturers contend that China is manipulating its currency to gain trade advantages. □

Oil above \$101 on US supply drop, Egypt uncertainty

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NEW YORK (AP) — The price of oil rose to its highest level in 14 months on concerns about possible disruptions to Middle East supplies and signs of an increase in U.S. demand for fuel.

U.S. benchmark oil gained \$1.64 to \$101.24 a barrel in New York, its highest close since May 3, 2012.

Brent crude, which is used to price oil used by many U.S. refineries to make gasoline, rose \$1.76 to finish at \$105.76 in London.

Two events propelled the price of oil above \$100 a barrel for the first time since the middle of September: unrest in Egypt and a big drop in U.S. oil supplies.

Traders were worried that political upheaval in Egypt could slow the flow of oil from the Middle East to world markets. Embattled Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi vowed not to give in to protesters' demands for his resignation. But the head of Egypt's military announced late Wednesday night local time that Morsi will be replaced and new elections will be held.

Egypt is not an oil producer but it control of one of the world's busiest shipping lanes gives it a crucial role in maintaining global energy supplies. The Middle East accounts for about a quarter of the world's crude oil output, or 23 million barrels

per day. About 2 million barrels of that, or 2.2 percent of world demand, are transported daily through the Suez Canal, which links the Mediterranean with the Red Sea.

Much of that oil is headed to Europe, but a supply drop anywhere in the world leads to higher prices everywhere. "Markets tend to advance sharply on uncertainty and will often price in a worst case scenario. This appears to be the case with the unfolding situation in Egypt," wrote Jim Ritterbusch, president of energy consultancy Ritterbusch and Associates, in a note to clients. Some analysts suggested market reaction to the political crisis in Egypt

was exaggerated. "If there is one thing that the military has control of in Egypt it is the Suez Canal. We therefore do not see a significant risk for free passage on the waterway," said Olivier Jakob of Petromatrix in Switzerland. In the U.S., the Energy Department reported Wednesday that crude supplies fell by 10.3 million barrels from the previous week, more than three times the drop that analysts had expected.

The drop was likely the result of reduced supplies from Canada because of a temporary pipeline shutdown there, as well as increased demand from a BP refinery that restarted in Indiana. □

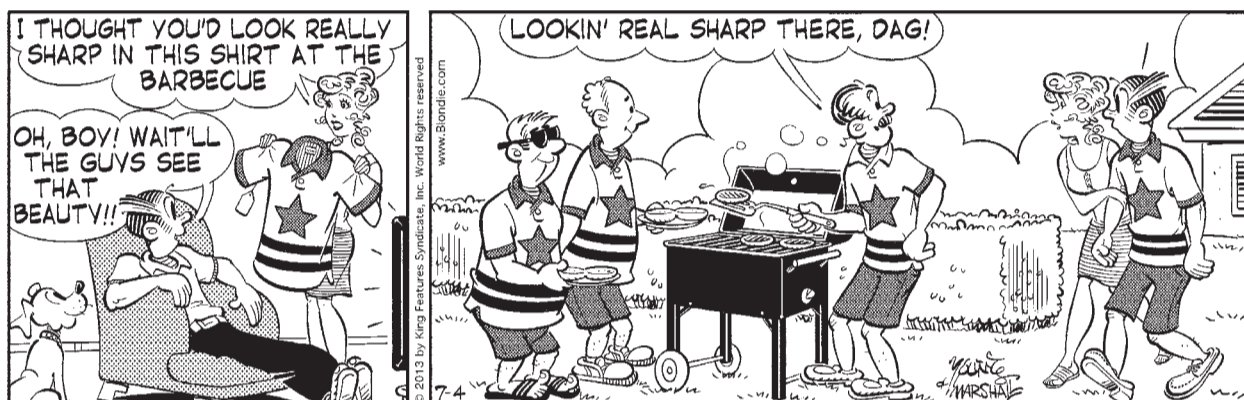
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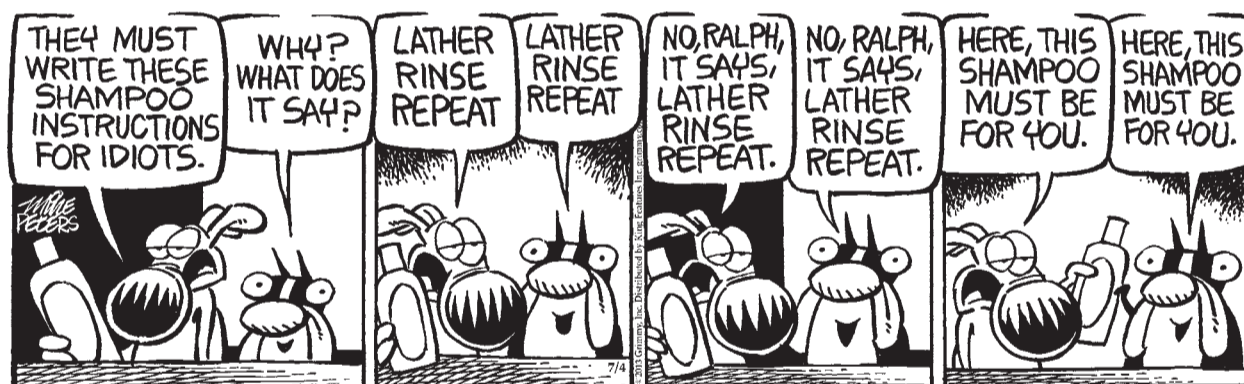
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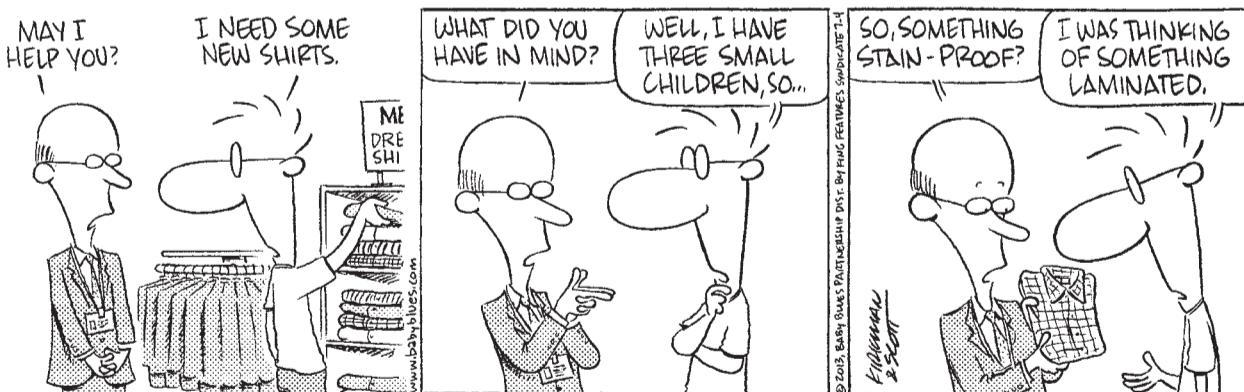
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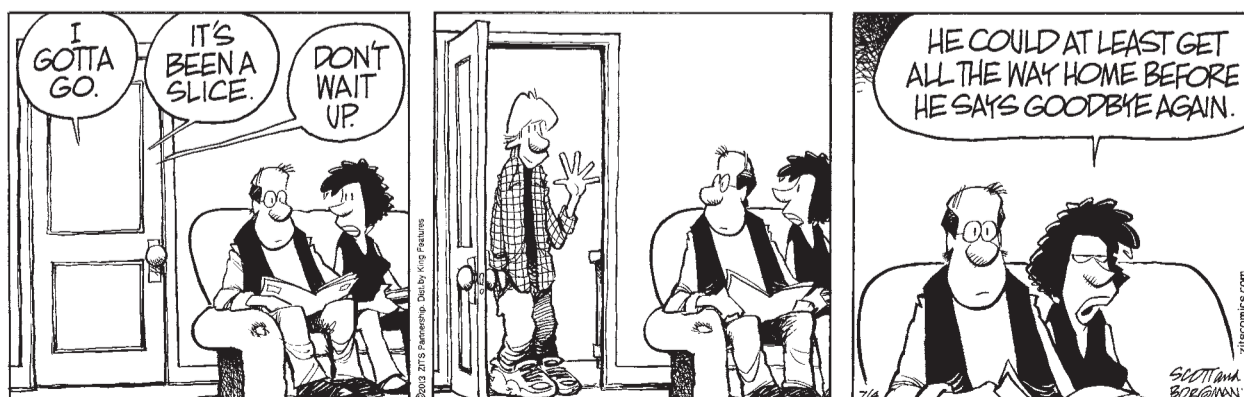
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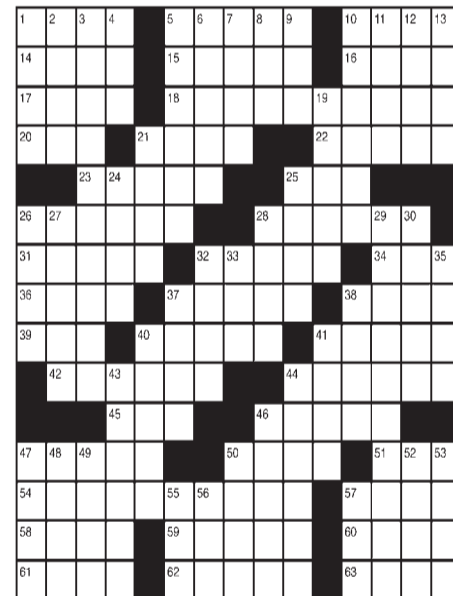
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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6	4	8	9	5	1	7	2	3
3	1	9	6	2	7	5	8	4
2	7	5	8	3	4	1	9	6

ACROSS

- Three feet
- Sandbank
- Little children
- Take __; assume control
- Therefore
- TV's Perlman
- Promising
- Making right
- Lamb's mother
- __ one's time; wait
- Noisy uprisings
- Accepted standards
- Scalp cyst
- Short rest
- Neighbor of California
- Carrying a gun
- Green gems
- Dyer's tub
- Marvin and Majors
- Poultry shop purchase
- One of Jacob's 12 sons
- Oscillating blower
- Avid
- __ over; studied intently
- Begins
- Deltoid or trapezius
- Faux __; social blunder
- Glee
- Loses one's footing
- Wind direction indicator
- Laundry soap brand
- Amassing
- Soft cheese
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- Strong urges



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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- Days of __; yesteryear
- Declare openly

- Grudge; feeling of bitterness
- Dishwasher cycle
- Prawn, for one
- Pays attention
- A single time
- __ up; misbehave
- Ring of flowers
- Attempting
- "The Buckeye State"
- Portable shelter
- Droops
- Liberates
- Pitt or Garrett
- Small bills
- Architect Christopher __
- Young cow
- Regions
- Smell
- Gouge
- Belly button
- Coughing fits
- Make fun of
- Movement of the waves

- Felines
- Bewildered
- Wipe away
- Untainted
- Popular fruits
- Intermix
- depressive; bipolar
- "Beat it!"
- Gray wolf
- Misfortunes
- Passport stamp
- Roaring beast
- Chicken pieces
- NBC rival
- Touch lightly
- Sea inlet

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: Daring To Write Frankly About Race

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In her first two novels, "Purple Hibiscus" and "Half of a Yellow Sun," the award-winning Nigerian author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie explored the history and contemporary life of her home country. Her new novel, "Americanah," is set in both Africa and the United States. The story follows Ifemelu, a young Nigerian woman who moves to America and finds some fame writing a candid blog about issues of race and nationality. In a recent email interview, Adichie discussed the state of American fiction, her approach to writing about race and more. These are excerpts from the conversation.

Q: One character in "Americanah" says that when black American authors write about race, they "have to make sure it's so lyrical and subtle that the reader who doesn't read between the lines won't even know it's about race." Would you say that your book is in some ways a response to this?

A: The character was talking about African-American, rather than African or American-African writers, and this distinction is also partly what the novel is about. I think "Americanah" is a response of sorts, but it is complicated by my not being African-American. I could have done "Americanah" differently, in a way that was safer. I know the tropes. I know how race is supposed to be dealt with in fiction (you can do a "novel of ideas" about baseball, but not about race, because it becomes "hectoring"), but I wanted to write the kind of novel about race that I wanted to read.

Still, there is a certain privilege in my position as somebody who is not an American, who is looking in from the outside. When I came to the U.S., I became fascinated by the many permutations of race, especially of blackness, the identity I

was assigned in America. I still am fascinated.

Q: Did you feel you had to live in the United States a certain amount of time before you approached it in fiction?

A: I don't believe in writ-



Auhor Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

ing what I don't know. So I feel, having lived in the U.S. off and on for a number of years, that I can tell a story partly about America. That said, the setting of my fiction isn't a primary consideration for me. Character and story come first.

Q: Ifemelu, one of the two main characters in "Americanah," is, like you, a Nigerian-born writer who moves to the United States and eventually receives a fellowship at Princeton. Aside from these details, is there a deeper autobiographical connection you feel with her?

A: Ifemelu spends 13 years in the U.S. before moving back to Nigeria. I spent only four years in the U.S. before I went back, and have since lived in both countries. That is a significant difference, as much of Ifemelu's character is shaped by being disconnected from home for so long. I quite like that she is a female character who is

not safe and easily likable, who is both strong and weak, both prickly and vulnerable.

Q: Obinze, the other main character, thinks that in contemporary American novels, "nothing was grave, nothing serious, nothing urgent, and most dissolved into ironic nothingness." Is this an opinion you share?

A: I'm reading new novels by Elizabeth Strout, Elliott Holt and Claire Messud, and they dispute Obinze's opinion. I do think there is a tendency in American fiction to celebrate work that fundamentally keeps people comfortable. There is also an obsession with "original" for the mere sake of it, as though original is automatically good, and original often involves some level of irony and gimmick.

The U.S. has been at war for many years now, and there is also an ongoing intense ideological war in the U.S., but you would hardly know that from American literature. But of course this is also about my own biases. I love fiction that has something to say and doesn't "hide behind art," novels that feel true, that are not self-conscious experiments. I read a lot of contemporary American fiction and find the writing admirable, but often it is about individuals caged in their individuality. It says nothing about American life, is more about style than it is about substance. (Style matters, but I struggle to finish a novel that is all style and has nothing to say.) "The Great Gatsby," for example, says something about American life in a way that many contemporary novels no longer do. □

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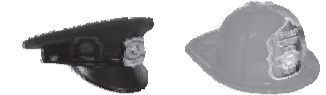
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US researchers make 'bionic ear' with 3-D printer

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(AP) — With a 3-D printer, a petri dish and some cells from a cow, U.S. researchers are growing synthetic ears that can receive — and transmit — sound. The Princeton University scientists send bovine cells

mixed in a liquid gel through the printer, followed by tiny particles of silver. The printer is programmed to shape the material into a "bionic ear" and forms the silver particles into a coiled antenna. Like any antenna, this one can pick up radio signals that the ear will interpret as sound.

The 3-D ear is not designed to replace a human one. The research is meant to explore a new method of combining electronics with biological material.

"What we really did here was actually more of a proof of concept of the capabilities of 3-D printing," said Michael McAlpine, the professor who led the project. "Because most people use 3-D printing to print passive objects — things like figurines and jewelry."

After it's printed, the 3-D ear is soft and translucent. It is cultivated for 10 weeks, letting the cells multiply, creating a flesh color and forming hardened tissue around the antenna.

McAlpine and his team

demonstrated the antenna's ability to pick up radio signals by attaching electrodes onto the backs of the ears in the printing process. When they broadcast a recording of Beethoven's "Für Elise" to a pair of fully cultivated ears, the electrodes passed the signal along wires to a set of speakers, and the music flowed out clear and without interference.

Although the new research is just one iteration in the field of cybernetics — an area that looks at combining biology with technology — McAlpine said the research could lead to synthetic replacements for actual human functions, and to a sort of electronic sixth sense.

"As the world becomes a more digital and electronic place, I think ultimately we're going to care less about our traditional five senses," he said. "And we're going to want these new senses to give us direct electronic communication with our cellphones and our laptop devices." □



Princeton University graduate student Manu Mannoor holds a bionic ear as another is printed on a 3-D printer in Princeton, N.J. Mannoor is one of the scientists at Princeton University who have created an ear with an off-the-shelf 3-D printer that can "hear" radio frequencies far beyond the range of normal human capability. The researchers used 3-D printing of cells and nanoparticles followed by cell culture to combine a small coil antenna with cartilage, creating what they term a bionic ear.

(AP Photo/Mel Evans)

Honda's robot museum guide not yet a people person

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TOKYO (AP) — Honda Motor Co.'s walking, talking interactive robot is running into glitches in its new job as a museum guide in Tokyo. The bubble-headed Asimo machine had problems telling the difference between people raising their hands to ask questions and those aiming their smartphones to take photos at the Mirai-kan science museum.

It froze mid-action and repeated a programmed remark, "Who wants to ask Asimo a question?" The robot guide, shown to reporters on Wednesday, is connected by wireless to six sensors in the ceiling to discern where a crowd is gathering.

It has no voice recognition and responds to written questions selected from a touch-panel device, meaning that interacting with Asimo was even less natural, or entertaining,

than the typical dead-end conversation with a smartphone.

Honda's robotics technology, although among the most advanced for mobility, has come under fire as lacking practical applications and being little more than an expensive toy.

Asimo was too sensitive to go into radiated areas after the 2011 Fukushima nuclear crisis, and Honda had to do new work to develop robotic arms that could be used in reactors.

Satoshi Shigemi, who oversees Honda's robotics technology, acknowledged that more work was needed. He said the goal is to have Asimo recognize who is talking to it, such as an adult versus a child, and respond accordingly.

It has a long way to go.

"Right now, it can recognize a child waving to it, but it's not able to comprehend the meaning of the waving," he told reporters.

A possible future use for Asimo would be to help people buy tickets from vending machines at train stations, Shigemi said, speeding up the process for any humans unfamiliar

ing for a computerized agent, whether robotic or not," said Ingrid Zukerman, professor of information technology at Australia's Monash University.

The effort is complex, in-

terpretation is still limited to specific requests such as bus schedules and airline bookings, Zukerman said.

In Wednesday's demonstration, the robot walked around and gesticulated while it answered a question about its own features while projecting diagrams on a big screen.

Honda said it was programmed to reply to about 100 questions. Four were chosen randomly and popped up on the touch panels for the audience to choose.

Honda's humanoid prototype was first shown in 1996, and it has grown smaller and nimbler over the years. In previous demonstrations, Asimo has shown it can run, hop on one foot and kick a soccer ball. It has fingers with joints and can open a thermos lid and pour a drink. It has image sensors and can make its way through objects in a room. □



Honda Motor Co.'s interactive robot Asimo talks with visitors at a demonstration event in Tokyo, Wednesday, July 3, 2013. The walking, talking interactive robot ran into glitches in its new job as a museum guide in Tokyo.

(AP Photo/Shizuo Kambayashi)

with the process.

"The tasks that any child can perform, such as language interpretation, are among the most challeng-

cluding making out speech and then connecting it with knowledge to make out meanings, and so the state-of-the-art language

AP on Elijah Wood: Happiness in Horror!

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NEW YORK (AP) — To hear Elijah Wood talk about the 1978 slasher film "Halloween," he sounds, well, giddy. "I've seen it so many times," he said in a recent interview. "The feeling that I get from the movie? It's almost like the feeling one would get from watching a Christmas movie. It made me feel happy! Like, I don't know if it's a sense of nostalgia I attach to the film? Maybe I've seen it so many times it feels like, you know, an old familiar record or something.

But I put it on and I feel joy watching that film." Such is the reaction of a true lover of the horror genre. The 32-year-old actor, known for "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy and his FX TV series "Wilfred" and in the music world as a popular DJ, has an encyclopedic knowledge of scary movies, with a starring role in the new film "Maniac" and his own fledgling horror production company.

Wood plays a serial killer in "Maniac," a film told entirely from his point of view — you see Wood only in his reflections or in his hands as they cross in front of the camera. In a recent interview, Wood said he found the experience to be extremely technical but also an exciting, collaborative effort. "You go into (shooting from a point of view aspect) thinking, 'It's gonna be easy. It's a single shot but you're under such intense parameters that every scene became a puzzle.'" Wood's new pro-

duction company The Woodshed Horror Company has three movies in the works. Its first film picked up for distribution, "Toad Road", was discovered at the horror film festival Nightmare City (which The Woodshed helped present.) It will hit theaters in October.

AP: Where did this love of the horror genre come from?

Wood: I think I've always been relatively fearless, so they never really scared me.

AP: What was the first horror film you ever saw?

Wood: I saw my first horror film when I was 5. It was a movie called "Truth or Dare: A Critical Madness," and it was a VHS like direct-to-video horror film. Part of the reason I was excited about watching it, I remember, was I knew that I wasn't supposed to. So that of course as a child you do all the things that you know is not... like it's suddenly more exciting. But I love the movie.

AP: Do you have a favorite villain?

Wood: I love Mike Meyers. He didn't have a long shelf-life because I didn't love all the iterations of that character. He's a great rendering of the boogey man. Jack Nicholson's character in "The Shining" is extraordinary. I tend to find characters from a more rooted, real place to be more frightening and unsettling. What happens to Reagan in "The Exorcist" I love and find horrifyingly scary. □



This publicity photo released by Fox Searchlight shows Toni Collette, left, and Steve Carell in a scene from the film, "The Way, Way Back."

(AP Photo/Fox Searchlight, Claire Folger)

Oscar winners Rash, Faxon make directorial debut

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PARK CITY, Utah (AP) —

Way, way back before they were Oscar winners, back when they were honing their skills as members of The Groundlings comedy troupe, Nat Faxon and Jim Rash started writing together.

This was even before Rash's role as Dean Pelton on NBC's "Community" or Faxon's starring turn on the short-lived "Ben and Kate," and years before they joined director Alexander Payne to co-write 2011's "The Descendants," the best-picture nominee that won the Academy Award for adapted screenplay.

Faxon and Rash were just starting out in Hollywood then when they penned their coming-of-age story "The Way, Way Back." Now, with Academy Awards on their shelves and decades of acting and writing experience behind them, the longtime collaborators are making their directorial debut with that nearly 10-year old screenplay.

"While the Oscar was this wonderful experience and we're so indebted to have been a part of 'The Descendants,' this felt like, well, this was also our baby, in the sense that it started everything," said the bald, bespectacled Rash, 42, in an interview earlier this year at the Sundance Film Festival, where the inde-

pendent movie premiered.

"'The Descendants' and the success that it had ... provided the momentum for this to happen and for us to return to things that are important to us, such as 'The Way, Way Back,' the first script we ever wrote," the ebullient Faxon, 38, added. "It was invigorating in that it pushed us into directing it ourselves and bringing people that we love aboard."

Opening Friday, the film tells the story of a 14-year-old boy who finds solace (and his own self-worth) at a water park during a forced summer vacation with his mom and her overbearing boyfriend.

The tale, shot at an actual water park in Marshfield, Mass., was inspired by the writers' own summers spent at water parks as kids and some awkward moments they experienced growing up. "We certainly pull a lot of stuff from our own lives," Faxon said. "We're not afraid to share our pains and our joys."

Rash and Faxon hand-picked their cast, writing heartfelt letters to their dream stars and inviting old friends to be part of the mix. The result is an ensemble that includes Toni Collette and Steve Carell as the mom and boyfriend, along with Allison Janney, Sam Rockwell, Maya Rudolph, Rob Corddry and Amanda Peet. Sixteen-year-old Liam

James of TV's "The Killing" plays the lead.

It wasn't just about finding the right people for the parts, Rash said, but assembling a cast that would be supportive of a pair of first-time directors.

"We knew this was going to be a new experience for us and we needed to have that comfort of the shelter of people who are there to do this together and know exactly what we're there to do: To do a small movie in a very quick amount of time," he said. "These were all just good-hearted, talented actors, and that made all the difference in the world."

Though Rash has years of experience directing Groundlings stage shows, the demands of filmmaking presented a whole new challenge — especially when he and Faxon, who both play bit parts in the film, were in the same scenes.

"The first take we did, the scene ended, and we're both on camera, and there's nobody to yell, 'Cut,'" Faxon recalled. "I didn't know what was happening."

Janney said the two often took a "good cop-bad cop" approach to directing.

"Nat might say, 'Allison, I think that take was brilliant.' Then Jim would come over and say, 'I think you can do better,'" she said. □



Royal trendsetters:

Kensington Palace showcases royal wardrobe exhibition

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LONDON (AP) — Before Kate Middleton, other members of the royal family were fashion trendsetters: Queen Elizabeth II, her sometimes risqué sister Margaret, and the glamorous Princess Diana.

The couture on display in a new exhibit at Kensington Palace shows that each, in her way, made a style statement in Britain and beyond.

Princess Margaret — the queen's younger sister — dressed in some of the boldest styles of the day and was looked up to as one of fashion's leading ladies. And Diana practically embodied the '80s style and was scrutinized for what she wore wherever she went.

"We're looking at how the three women dressed to the trends and how they adapted those rules to the rules of royal dressing," said Cassie Davies-Strodder, the exhibition's curator.

The show, which opens Thursday, features 21 couture dresses from the three royals' wardrobes, ranging from regal silk gowns worn

by a young queen in the 1950s to the sparkly and sequined numbers Diana sported in the 1980s and 90s. While Diana's gowns are likely the biggest draw for many visitors, Davies-Strodder said she was nowhere near as adventurous in her style as the fun-loving Margaret, who threw famous parties and mixed with pop stars like The Beatles. The princess, who died in 2002, was a trendsetter in the Swinging London scene of the 1960s and '70s. "She wasn't the monarch, so she had greater freedom to follow changing fashions more closely. She was really part of the chic London set at the time, and what she wore was news," she said. Among the outfits worn by Margaret on show was a dramatic long kaftan and turban set, reflecting the "ethnic dressing" trend of the '70s, worn at a party on the Caribbean island of Mustique in 1976. Another eye-catching display was a glamorous, jeweled ball gown with a Marilyn Monroe-style halter neckline worn in 1951. "It's very Hollywood and quite risqué —

it was quite shocking at the time, especially because she was also seen smoking a cigarette," Davies-Strodder added.

The full-length gowns worn by the queen when she was in her 30s, shown in adjacent rooms at the palace, were traditional and

demure in contrast.

All featured a feminine nipped-in waist and were designed in pale creamy shades of peach, cream or grey — royal designers preferred light-colored clothes because they show up better in a large crowd and on black and white televi-

sion, Davies-Strodder said. The dresses also illustrated what "diplomatic dressing" was all about. For a tour of Pakistan the queen wore a gown in the country's national colors of green and white, and when she visited Canada she sported a dress embroidered with



Dresses of Princess Diana are displayed at the Fashion Rules exhibition at Kensington Palace in London. Opening on 4 July, a new glamorous exhibit at Kensington Palace showcases how the styles of three royal ladies each reflected and influenced the trends of their fashion heyday.

(AP Photo/Frank Augstein)

Will: Gandolfini leaves bulk of his estate to son

NEW YORK (AP) — James Gandolfini has left the bulk of his estimated \$70 million estate to his 13-year-old son and infant daughter. The late "Sopranos" star also left millions to his wife and relatives.

The New York Post reports that a will dated Dec. 19 was filed Tuesday in Manhattan Surrogate's Court. Gandolfini's son, Michael, is to get the largest chunk through a trust set aside for him until he turns 21.

He'll split his father's Italian property with his half-sister, 8-month-old Liliana, when she turns 25.

The newspaper says the remainder of Gandolfini's estate will be split among his wife, sisters and daughter. He left \$200,000 each to his personal assistant and secretary.



Actor James Gandolfini at the Los Angeles premiere of "Nicky Deuce" in Los Angeles.

(AP/Richard Shotwell)

The will is the first and primary filing of his estate;

more documents are expected to be filed.

Gandolfini died June 19. □

mayflowers, the provincial flower of Nova Scotia.

A final room featured five dresses worn by Diana that showcased her "Dynasty Di" days: All big padded shoulders, dropped waist, lots of sparkles and high drama. There was a spectacular blue velvet sequined dress with a flirty, flouncy skirt and an oversized bow, and a sleeker white one-shouldered column gown that showed how Diana progressed toward a more sophisticated look in the 1990s.

And what about Kate — how will her style be seen 50 years on? Davies-Strodder was diplomatic in her reply. "All the reporters ask me this. I would say you need some perspective, say 25 years, to know that," she said. The show, called "Fashion Rules," will be displayed at Kensington Palace for two years. □

Takin' It To The Streets



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The former CIA analyst Paul R. Pillar asked this question in a recent essay in *The National Interest*: Why are we seeing so many popular street revolts in democracies? Speaking specifically of Turkey and Brazil, but posing a question that could be applied to Egypt, Israel, Russia, Chile and the United States, Pillar asks: "The governments being protested against were freely and democratically elected. With the ballot box available, why should there be recourse to the street?" It is an important question, and the answer, I believe, is the convergence of three phenomena. The first is the rise and proliferation of illiberal "majoritarian" democracies. In Russia, Turkey and today's Egypt, we have seen mass demonstrations to protest "majoritarianism" - ruling parties that were democratically elected (or "sort of" in Russia's case) but interpret their elections as a writ to do whatever they want once in office, including ignoring the opposition, choking the news media and otherwise behaving in imperious or corrupt ways, as if democracy were only about the right to vote, not rights in general and especially minority rights.

What the protesters in Turkey, Russia and Egypt all have in common is a powerful sense of "theft," a sense that the people who got elected are stealing something more than money: the people's voice and right to participate in governance. Nothing can make a new democrat, someone who just earned the right to vote, angrier.

Here is what the satirist Bassem Youssef, the Jon Stewart of Egypt, wrote in the Egyptian daily *Al Shorouk* last week, on the anniversary of the election of President Mohammed Morsi of the Muslim Brotherhood's party: "We have a president who promised that a balanced constituent assembly would work on a constitution that everyone agrees on. We have a president who promised to be representative, but placed members of his Muslim Brotherhood in every position of power. We have a president and a party that broke all their promises, so the people have no choice but to take to the streets."

A second factor is the way middle-class workers are being squeezed between a shrinking welfare state and a much more demanding job market. For so many years, workers were told that if you just work hard and play by the rules you'll be in the middle class. That is just not true anymore. In this age of rapid globalization and automation, you have to work harder, work

smarter, bring more innovation to whatever job you do, retool yourself more often - and then you can be in the middle class. There is just so much more stress on people in, or aspiring to be in, the middle class, and many more young people wondering how they'll ever do better than their parents.

Too few leaders are leveling with their people about this shift, let alone helping them navigate it. And too many big political parties today are just vehicles for different coalitions to defend themselves against change rather than to lead their societies in adapting to it. Normally, this would create opportunities for the opposition parties, but in places like Turkey, Brazil, Russia and Egypt the formal opposition is feckless. So people take to the streets, forming their own opposition.

In America, the Tea Party began as a protest against Republicans for being soft on deficits, and Occupy Wall Street as a protest against Democrats for being soft on bankers. In Brazil, a 9 cent increase in bus fares set off mass protests, in part because it seemed so out of balance when the government was spending some \$30 billion on stadiums for the Olympics and the World Cup. Writing in *The American Interest*, William Waack, an anchorman on Brazil's *Globo*, probably spoke for many when he observed: "Brazilians don't feel like their elected representatives at any level actually represent them, especially at a time when most leaders fear the stigma of making actual decisions (otherwise known as leading) ... It's not about the 9 cents."

China is not a democracy, but this story is a sign of the times: In a factory outside Beijing, an American businessman, Chip Starnes, president of the Florida-based Specialty Medical Supplies, was held captive for nearly a week by about 100 workers "who were demanding severance packages identical to those offered to 30 recently laid-off employees," according to Reuters. The workers feared they would be next as the company moved some production from China to India to reduce costs. (He was released in a deal Thursday.)

Finally, thanks to the proliferation of smartphones, tablets, Twitter, Facebook and blogging, aggrieved individuals now have much more power to engage in, and require their leaders to engage in, two-way conversations - and they have much greater ability to link up with others who share their views to hold flash protests. As Leon Aron, the Russian historian at the American Enterprise Institute, put it, "the turnaround time" between sense of grievance and action in today's world is lightning fast and getting faster.

The net result is this: Autocracy is less sustainable than ever. Democracies are more prevalent than ever - but they will also be more volatile than ever. Look for more people in the streets more often over more issues with more independent means to tell their stories at ever-louder decibels. □



The Roberts Court Gives Dems A Gift



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Back in the days when Republicans were reading polls through rose-colored glasses and imagining a Mitt Romney landslide, one of their most plausible arguments was that many pollsters were simply misreading the likely composition of the electorate. There was no way, this theory ran, that core Democratic constituencies would turn out at the same rates as in 2008, when Obamamania was at its peak. Instead, 2012 was set up to be what the conservative writer Ben Domenech called an "undertow election," in which reduced turnout among young voters and minorities would drag the incumbent down to defeat. This expectation turned out to be wrong on two counts. First, Republicans faced an unexpected (though in hindsight, predictable) undertow of their own, as many conservative-leaning, working-class white voters looked at what Mitt Romney had to offer and simply stayed home.

Second, instead of declining as expected after the history-making election of 2008, African-American turnout may have actually risen again in 2012. When the Census Bureau released its turnout analysis last month, it showed blacks voting at higher rates than whites for the first time in the history of the survey.

If you believe Chief Justice John Roberts' more overheated liberal critics, last week's Supreme Court decision invalidating a portion of the Voting Rights Act is designed to make sure

African-American turnout never hits these highs again. The ruling will allow a number of (mostly Southern) states to change voting laws without the Justice Department's pre-approval, which has liberals predicting a wave of Republican-led efforts to "suppress" minority votes - through voter ID laws, restrictions on early voting and other measures. These predictions probably overstate the ruling's direct impact on state election rules, which can still be challenged under other provisions of the Voting Rights Act and other state and federal laws. But it is possible that the decision will boost the existing Republican enthusiasm for voter ID laws, and hasten the ongoing, multistate push for their adoption.

If so, though, the Roberts Court may have actually handed the Democratic Party a political gift. How so? Well, to begin with, voter identification laws do not belong to the same moral or legal universe as Jim Crow. Their public purpose, as a curb to fraud, is potentially legitimate rather than nakedly discriminatory, and their effects are relatively limited. As Roberts' majority opinion noted, the voter registration gap between whites and blacks in George Wallace's segregationist Alabama was 50 percentage points. When my colleague Nate Silver looked at studies assessing the impact of voter ID laws, he estimated that they tended to reduce turnout by around 2 percent - and that reduction crosses racial lines, rather than affecting African-Americans exclusively.

A 2 percent dip is still enough to influence a close election. But voter ID laws don't take effect in a vacuum: As they're debated, passed and contested in court, they shape voter preferences and influence voter enthusiasm in ways that might well outstrip their direct influence on turnout. They inspire registration drives and education efforts; they

help activists fund-raise and organize; they raise the specter of past injustices; they reinforce a narrative that their architects are indifferent or hostile to minorities.

This, I suspect, is part of the story of why African-American turnout didn't fall off as expected between 2008 and 2012. By trying to restrict the franchise on the margins, Republican state legislators handed Democrats a powerful tool for mobilization and persuasion, and motivated voters who might otherwise have lost some of their enthusiasm after the euphoria of "Yes We Can" gave way to the reality of a stagnant, high-unemployment economy.

So a lengthy battle over voting rules and voting rights seems almost precision-designed to help the Obama-era Democratic majority endure once President Barack Obama has left the Oval Office. As Sean Trende of RealClearPolitics has pointed out, for all the talk about how important Hispanics are to the conservative future, the Republican Party could substantially close the gap with Democrats in presidential elections if its post-Obama share of the African-American vote merely climbed back above 10 percent - a feat achieved by Bob Dole and both Bushes. If that share climbed higher still, the Democratic majority would be in danger of collapse.

Such a turn of events wouldn't just be good news for Republicans. It would be good news for black Americans, as it would mean that both parties were competing for their votes.

But for now, our politics is headed in the opposite direction. Liberal demagoguery notwithstanding, voter ID laws aren't a way for Republicans to turn the clock back and make sure that it's always 1965. But they are a good way for Republicans to ensure that African-Americans keep voting like it's always 2008. □

O say, can you sing at the ballpark? It's a tough song

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It is a notoriously difficult song to sing, a musical high-wire act, with an octave-and-a-half range and a devilishly spaced melody. You usually sing it a cappella in a stadium where the echo hits your ear a half-beat behind the melody, and the lyrics are so familiar and fraught with meaning that every fan in the stands can hear the slightest mistake or botched note.

Yet the singers who step out onto the baseball field to deliver the "The Star-Spangled Banner" say singing it can be a sublime experience, so much so that most of them perform it for free, either to fulfill a childhood dream or pay respect to country and team. It can also further their careers. Sometimes the motive is all three desires.

"It's certainly nerve-racking," said David Cook, the pop singer and "American Idol" winner who will sing the anthem on the Fourth of July in Kansas City, Mo., just before the Royals take on the Cleveland Indians. "For every person who wants to talk about Whitney Houston killing it years ago, 10 people want to talk about Roseanne Barr butchering it, so there is always that fear that 'I better not forget the words to this song.'"

Cook is one of the musicians who will sing the anthem before 15 Major League Baseball games on the nation's birthday, a ritual combining patriotism with sport, and democratic ideals with speeding pitches and swinging bats.

It is a ritual that has been resistant to change and hostile to parody. José Feliciano was booed at the 1968 World Series when he offered his soft-rock version of the anthem, the melody gently altered over his rhythm guitar. Barr was roundly condemned for belting the song out of tune for comic effect, at a Padres game in 1990.

Each team handles the booking of the anthem

singers differently. Some, like the New York Mets, hold open auditions in the off-season to give amateurs a chance to try out. Many recruit singers from the scores of aspiring pop stars who send them demo recordings.

singer to perform, it favors hiring Broadway stars with impeccable technique, a marketing strategy that dovetails with the interests of the theater district. Yankees officials insist on a hidebound, 90-second rendition with no accom-

paniment. "It isn't just a random talent show," said Deborah A. Tymon, the Yankees' senior vice president for marketing.

tuosic rendition of the anthem that seemed to take flight. "The Yankees don't use a monitor, so you really have to trust yourself," Maroulis said. "I heard the crowd go crazy when I started hitting the big notes."

house," Cook said.

The chance to do the anthem can help a nascent career. The performers at the Mets' Citi Field this year have included several singer-songwriters trying to build a reputation, among them Carrissa Peros, 25, of Brooklyn, and Paris Ray, 17, of St. James, Long Island. Both were chosen on the basis of demo tapes they had sent to team officials. Peros, who composes electro-pop dance songs, recently moved to Brooklyn from Tampa, Fla., where she had gotten a start singing the anthem for the Tampa Bay Rays as a teenager. Ray, an aspiring indie rocker and Mets fan, sent in a tape of her performance at a high school basketball game.

"I love electro-dance pop music, but I always want people to know that I can really sing," Peros said. "I go out there and perform, and there is only the reverb, the delay and my voice."

Because the song is so hard, most Major League teams have a stable of tried-and-true singers they return to again and again. In Cincinnati, for instance, the husband and wife duo Wally and O'Weida Gosser have been performing the anthem at Reds games for 50 years.

The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim are turning to one of their veteran anthem singers for their game on the Fourth: Mandy Pinto, 34, a contemporary Christian songwriter who directs music at the Real Life Church in Valencia, Calif. Pinto has been doing the anthem at Dodger Stadium and at Angel Stadium for 16 years. She has never been paid to do the anthem, beyond getting tickets. And although she has sung it scores of times, it still brings her satisfaction, she said.

"It's a song that unifies us as a country," she said. "I'm sure there are thousands of people that don't believe as I do, but there is something about that song. It's always a unifying moment." □



Constantine Maroulis performs "The Star-Spangled Banner" before a baseball game between the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox at Yankee Stadium in New York. Singers who step out on the baseball field to sing the national anthem say singing it can be a sublime experience, so much that some of them perform it free.

(Barton Silverman/The New York Times)

Teams like to go for a mix of pop stars, military bands, school vocal groups and community choirs, some of which must buy batches of tickets for the opportunity to sing, said Charles Steinberg, a veteran baseball marketing executive. "You span the spectrum, from talent-laden amateurs to young professionals to some of the greatest performers in modern American music," he said.

The New York Yankees, ever traditionalists, still use the opera star Robert Merrill's venerable recording for many games. When the team does invite a

paniment. "It isn't just a random talent show," said Deborah A. Tymon, the Yankees' senior vice president for marketing. Typical of the singers at Yankee Stadium is Constantine Maroulis, a Brooklyn-born Broadway performer who also happens to be a lifelong Yankees fan. On opening day this year, Maroulis, who most recently appeared in "Rock of Ages" and "Jekyll & Hyde," stepped to the microphone a moment after a solemn memorial for victims of the Newtown massacre and gave a vir-

Cook, too, said singing in Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., was a labor of love for him. Having grown up in Blue Springs, Mo., he has rooted for the Royals his whole life, even though they haven't won a World Series since 1985. He worked at the stadium as a waiter in high school and college, and his list of heroes include pitcher Bret Saberhagen, third baseman George Brett, and Buck O'Neil, the manager of the Kansas City Monarchs in the Negro leagues. "I'm not ashamed to admit that I have some dirt from the field somewhere in my